

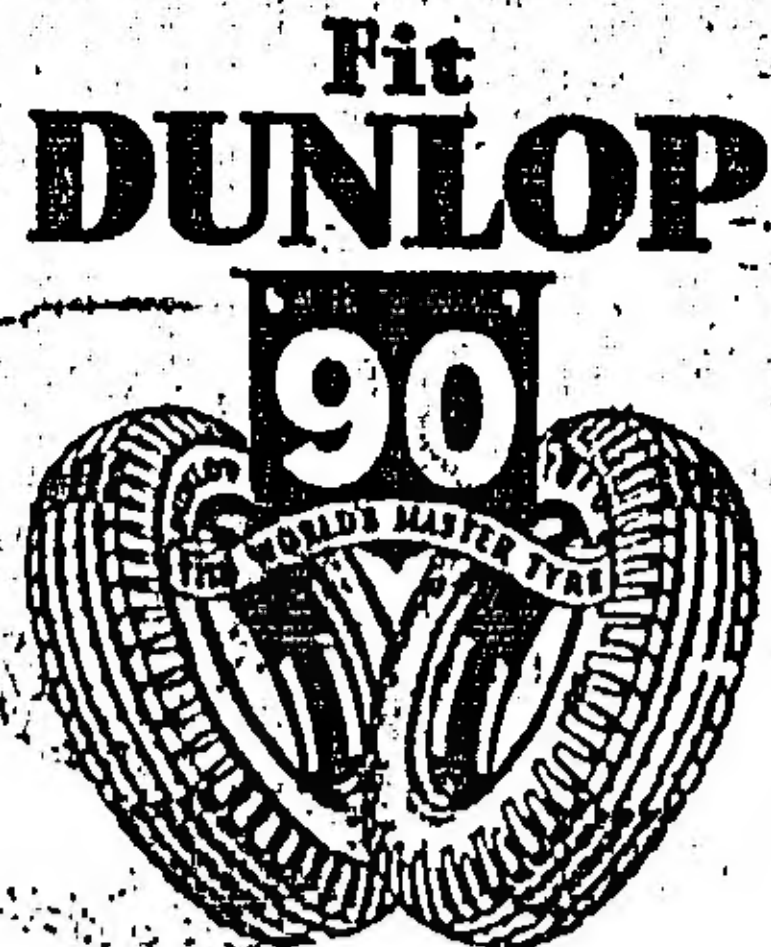
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BRITAIN MAY SEND WARSHIPS TO EAST

Anticipated Attack On Canton Causing Increased Anxiety

U. S. TAKING MORE SERIOUS VIEW OF PANAY SINKING AS REPORT OF MACHINE-GUNNING CIRCULATES

London, Dec. 16.

The Foreign Office has instructed Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Tokyo, to demand full and prompt attention to the British protest regarding the Yangtse river bombings. At the same time the Government is considering the advisability of reinforcing the naval squadron on the China Station.

Meanwhile reports of a planned attack on Canton are causing increased anxiety, and according to one report Britain will follow suit if the United States sends naval reinforcements to China.

It is also reported, though not confirmed, that four battleships may be ordered to Singapore, with several cruisers, destroyers or submarines in company. In any event the new cruiser H.M.S. Birmingham is due to leave for Hongkong shortly.

Meanwhile, the programme for strengthening defences in Hongkong is being rushed, including the construction of new forts and bomb and air raid shelters. —United Press.

U.S. Keeping Step

Washington, Dec. 16. Official reports, which are said to describe the deliberate nature of the Japanese attack on the U.S.S. Panay and the machine-gunning of the survivors, and which are flowing in to the State Department, will ensure the United States continuing to keep step with Britain in connection with the Far Eastern crisis, it is considered here.

Diplomatic quarters suggest that the Japanese policy after these grave happenings will be to concentrate on banking up the Anglo-American community of interests if possible. —Reuter.

Attacks Deliberate

Washington, Dec. 16. Mr. Cordell Hull announced that American officials aboard the Panay confirmed that Japanese surface craft machine-gunned the American gunboat after planes had bombed her. He said their reports had been forwarded to Mr. J. C. Grew, Ambassador at Tokyo.

This is considered a very serious development, and is expected to lead to a stiffening of the terms of the protest from United States to Japan and broadening of the demands for satisfaction.

It is considered that it has been proved beyond doubt that the land and air attacks were deliberate, and not an accident, as claimed by Tokyo. —United Press.

Compiling Record

Washington, Dec. 16. Government officials continued today "compiling a record" of facts connected with the sinking of U.S.S. Panay. They have not yet received the formal reports from the senior officers of the vessels concerned, though these are expected in the next day or two, and from them it is hoped to obtain definite information regarding the deliberateness of the (Continued on Page 12.)

KING AND QUEEN IN MOTOR CAR COLLISION

London, Dec. 16. When the King and Queen were returning from the theatre to-night, the royal car collided with a small private car in Trafalgar Square. Nobody was hurt and the damage caused was slight. The royal car proceeded after a few minutes. —Reuter.

Mysterious Japanese Movements

Shanghai, Dec. 17. Thousands of Japanese troops have boarded transports here for an undisclosed destination, believed to be either Nanking or South China. —Reuter.

AMERICA BUYING SILVER

Interesting Market Position

London, Dec. 16. For the first time for several years America, after the fixing of the price today, asked that offers for forward silver be made to her. Later she asked for buying orders. Brokers are somewhat at a loss to understand why America has suddenly turned buyer for forward silver. Some suggest that the move is motivated by the extreme difficulty of obtaining cash silver, as most of the London stocks are now held against previous contracts.

The general opinion is that the step will do much to restore the equilibrium of the market. Although there has recently been a heavy volume of short selling, some of the market authorities believe this has not yet offset the previous long interest, though should "bears" suddenly decide to cover, and so long as they refuse to sell, an interesting position might arise owing to the scarcity of "free" stocks, especially as the total London stocks during the past week are estimated to have fallen from six to four million ounces. —Reuter.

ITALY WITHDRAWS FROM I.L.O.

Rome, Dec. 16. Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister has notified the International Labour Office at Geneva that Italy is withdrawing its membership. —Reuter.

JAPANESE LIKELY TO EXTEND CAMPAIGN

Hankow Expected To Be Objective

May Land In South China

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

The belief that Hankow will be the next point of attack by the Japanese is expressed in despatches received here. It is reported that preparations are being made by the Japanese for a further advance along the Peiping-Hankow railway.

A despatch issued through Chinese sources stated that an attack on Hankow would probably begin about the end of the month. The same message stated that it was more likely the Japanese would also attempt to seize the Canton-Hankow railway by landing a large army somewhere in South China. Indications that the Japanese are brewing is strengthened as thousands of Japanese troops have boarded transports at Shanghai.

One theory is that although the Japanese hitherto have concentrated on one front at a time, they may now seek to launch several simultaneous attacks in various parts of the country. The Japanese evidently believe this is possible because they do not expect to find such strenuous resistance as encountered in the Shanghai and Nanking area during the past four months.

Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, seems to come into the field of the Japanese military vision judging by the reported air raids there, but tactical problems facing the Japanese are more complex than ever due to the vast areas to be covered and the great length of front. —Reuter.

Hankow Fearful

Hankow, Dec. 17. An atmosphere of tense expectancy prevails here as the next Japanese initiative is awaited.

The continual roaring overhead of the newly-arrived Russian planes, as well as the knowledge that the city is strongly defended by anti-aircraft batteries, appears to have given the Chinese a feeling of confidence. Nevertheless, Japanese air raids are

'We Must Not Surrender,' Says Chiang

JAPANESE TROOPS IN ATTACK



This is what it looks like from behind the sand-bag emplacement where the machine-guns wait to chatter. These Japanese troops have just broken from cover of the demolished brick walls and are charging positions "somewhere in China." Photographers risk their lives to get this sort of action picture.

Japan Plans Permanent China Policy

Tokyo, Dec. 17. It is announced that the Government convene a joint conference of the Government and Imperial Headquarters in the presence of the Throne, on December 18, to settle the permanent policy in China. —United Press.

AEROPLANES BOUND FOR HONGKONG

Awaiting Transfer From Manila

Quantities of war material, including crates aeroplanes, are lying on the wharves at Manila, awaiting shipment. When the N.Y.K. liner Kikano Maru, which arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday, berthed in Manila, Japanese officers aboard the ship displayed considerable curiosity at the sight of the aeroplanes. The aeroplanes are of American origin.

American aeroplanes are also being sent east by way of Australia. A Boeing ten-passenger machine reached Sydney this month, aboard the Swedish steamer Roxen, from San Francisco. The machine was landed at Sydney, where it will be transhipped in a British ship bound north.

The machine is stated to be of the same type as that in which Col. Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangborn, American fliers, finished third in the Mildenhall-Melbourne air race.

It has a maximum speed of 200 miles an hour, a cruising speed of 160, and is fitted with two 550 h.p. Wasp engines.

MR. S. M. BRUCE AGAIN HIGH COMMISSIONER

Melbourne, Dec. 16. The Australian Cabinet has re-appointed Mr. Stanley Bruce as High Commissioner for Australia in London for a further period of five years. —Reuter.

expected at any moment and dug-outs are being rushed in readiness for emergencies.

Meanwhile, Chinese officials here show no sign of weakening in their determination to continue resistance and it is evident that despite the loss of Nanking and the huge casualties suffered by the Chinese army China still possesses considerable resources for a prolonged struggle.

The foreign population here is estimated to be 1,500 of whom about 800 are British, including a number of women and children. —Reuter.

First Lord Advises All Caution

Britain Arming In Defence Of World Peace

London, Dec. 16.

Referring to the Nanking incident in a speech delivered in London to-day, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, said they all deplored the fearful occurrences of last week-end when innocent neutrals were killed and wounded.

"They were sent to their death, and it could only have been due to the ineptitude or indiscipline of the troops which fired on them," he said.

Referring to the Japanese apology, Mr. Duff-Cooper said that he thought Britain should accept a full apology and then hope that the necessary steps would indeed be taken to prevent a repetition of such a disaster, remembering that it was not the first disaster of this kind which had taken place since the hostilities began.

In times of war, fever possessed not only those engaged in it, but witnesses to it. Therefore it was wise to be careful in such a time to say and do nothing which was likely to tend up the temperature on either side.

After reference to the Italian withdrawal from the League, and the increased reliance placed on the British Empire, Mr. Duff-Cooper stated: "Any country which underestimates the strength of the British navy will be making a mistake which may prove fatal to its happiness. If there are any nations—and I do not say there are—which may seek to achieve their purposes by the use of force and the policy of war, these nations are watching our re-armament with fear and trepidation, because they know we are re-arming in the cause of peace." —Reuter.

New Republican Flag Hoisted At Tientsin

Peking, Dec. 17. The new Republican flag was hoisted over the Customs House at Tientsin yesterday. A semi-official Japanese source predicts a great revival of trade in North China because special trade will now be liquidated.

The entire provisional government went by train to Tientsin yesterday. They thank General Count Terauchi, Commander-in-Chief in North China, for his help in establishing the new regime. —Reuter.

JAPANESE TRY TO PLACATE AMERICA

Not Revealing Name Of Officer To Be Disciplined

Pay Tribute To U.S. Navy

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Navy officials are persistent in their refusal to reveal the name of the person who is to be recalled to answer for the responsibility of the Yangtse incidents. At the present it is not known whether the person will return to participate in a thorough investigation of the affair, or whether he will be permanently transferred. The Japanese Foreign Office asserts that it is uninformed on the subject.

Meanwhile the Navy authorities, in a statement which many consider is an unprecedented effort to maintain good relations between Japan and the United States, have announced that a company of bluejackets is being sent to honour the spot where foreigners were killed in the "regrettable occurrence."

It is also announced that Japanese sailors are raising 5,000 yen among themselves to contribute to the United States Navy Fund, because "the sentiment dominating the Imperial Japanese Navy is that the sinking of a man-of-war, even though a mistake, is a matter greatly to be deplored. The authorities further express heartfelt appreciation of the American naval forces on the spot who maintained a calm attitude in face of the regrettable affair."

The statement adds: "It is the Navy's earnest hope that the unfortunate occurrence will prove in the end as a step, though grievous as it is in itself, toward a rapprochement and still further understanding and mutual sympathy among the navies of United States and Japan."

The newspaper Nichi Nichi announced that it is contributing 1,000 yen and is collecting contributions to be used for the Panay sufferers and their families. —United Press.

MITSUNAMI RECALLED

Shanghai, Dec. 16. Acting swiftly in accordance with the pledge to punish the officers responsible for the bombing and sinking (Continued on Page 12.)

MANIFESTO DELIVERED TO NATION

"I WILL PURSUE RESISTANCE TO BITTER END"

Hankow, Dec. 17.

"No matter how the present situation may change, we must not surrender, but march onward," declares Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a manifesto to the nation broadcast from his field headquarters.

The manifesto says that since the beginning of the hostilities the Chinese army casualties on all fronts have exceeded 300,000 and the loss of civilian life and property is beyond computation.

The General adds: "So long as I live I will pursue to the utmost of my ability resistance to the bitter end, and secure ultimate victory for the nation."

Appraising the probable outcome of the hostilities, the Generalissimo says: "We are convinced that the present situation is favourable to China. The basis of China's success in a prolonged resistance is not to be found in Nanking nor the big cities, but in the villages throughout China, and the fixed determination of the people. The time must come when the Japanese military strength will be completely exhausted, thus giving us ultimate victory." —Reuter.

Chinese Blow Up Bridges

Tsinan, Dec. 17.

According to information received here all bridges along the southern end of the Tientsin-Pukow railway at Tientsin and Pukow in Kiangsu province have been blown up by Chinese forces to obstruct the Japanese advance northward from Pukow.

Japanese Planes Bomb Shansi Towns

Linfen, Dec. 17.

A fleet of Japanese planes yesterday bombed a number of small towns in Shansi, including Chuyang and Paping. The details of the attack have not been ascertained.

The Japanese have also sent heavy troops to garrison Wehsien, Laiyuan and Tseyingkwan Pass, which were recently captured. —Central News.

STOP PRESS

WATCHING HONGKONG FRONTIER

It is learned from the military authorities that five observation posts are being erected immediately on the Colony's New Territory frontier to cover crossings into Chinese territory.

The posts will not be armed or manned at present and are nothing more than precautionary constructions. One will be at Lokmachau and another at the site of the Canton-New Territories-link road in Sunchun area.

This latter will be a blockhouse manned by police to prevent indiscriminate or unauthorised use. The bridge will shortly be completed.

The Rupture Rifles, who have been some weeks on routine exercise, are returning to-morrow. In the event of emergency, these troops would be called upon for frontier work. No arrangement for their return to India has been made and they probably will remain in the Colony until the next Battalion which is normally furnished from India, arrives.

KILLED BY SHELL

Ching Yuk, a grass-cutter, was killed on December 13 when struck by a fragment of shell believed to have been fired by a Royal Artillery battery during a practice shoot near Talam Village.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

London Is Britain's Weakest Air Defence City



Captain Ernest A. Simpson, 40, former husband of the Duchess of Windsor, with his bride, the former Mary Kirk Rafferty, 41, after their wedding in the ballroom of the Brooklawn Country Club at Fairfield, Conn., performed by a Justice of the Peace. Both listed their residence as London.

Doctor Tennis Star Wins Claim For Fees

A man alleged at Brentford recently that when his twenty-four-year-old daughter was going to have a baby, Dr. Patrick Spence, the Davis Cup tennis player, suggested an operation.

"Do you mean an illegal operation?" asked Judge Drucker.

"I presumed so," said the man, Mr. Edward Westropp Morgan, of East Twickenham.

"I deny it," said the doctor, jumping up. "He suggested it, but I would have nothing to do with such a thing."

Mr. Morgan was being sued by the doctor for £2 2s. for attendance on his daughter. He was also sued by Miss Hilda Larkman, a nursing home proprietress, of East Sheen, for £30 6s. 1d. fees.

Mr. Morgan said his daughter was betrayed by a man eighteen years

her senior who could not be found when the payments were due. Dr. Spence proposed an operation, asking £65 for it. The father of the child eventually offered £40.

Miss Morgan, an attractive girl, said to the judge: "The doctor told an untruth when he said he did not suggest an operation. Mum and daddy thought it would be dangerous."

Dr. Spence's solicitor said this was a deliberate falsehood.

Judge Drucker awarded the doctor £2 6s. 1d. costs, and £30 6s. 1d. to Miss Larkman, with costs.

2,000,000 PEOPLE HAVE NO PROTECTION

LONDON, which would be the most vulnerable city in the country during wartime and the first objective of an enemy air force, is far behind any other centre in preparations for the defence of civilians.

Long delay by the Government in deciding to pay the cost of civilian protection out of national defence funds has faced the Air Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office with a serious problem.

Over 2,000,000 people are living in areas which have no protection schemes.

A plan to hold defence exercises for the civilian population of London similar to that carried out in Berlin recently has been postponed because half the London boroughs have no plan.

ALL PARTIES OBJECT

A serious view of the situation is taken by the Cabinet and chiefs of the military forces.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the L.C.C., is now urging the Government to take immediate action by offering to pay the whole cost of civilian defence out of national funds.

Although it has been suggested that Labour Councils have made a political issue out of the problem and withheld support on that ground, the fact is that all the councils in the country, irrespective of party, strongly object to the Government's attitude on finance.

Special concern is felt because many of the boroughs in which no preparations have been made contain a large proportion of old and poor property difficult to protect from poison gas.

Many of those areas which have produced paper schemes have not made much practical progress.

Mr. Morrison has made the position of all the councils clear in conferences with the Home Secretary. Sir Samuel Hoare has been told plainly that responsibility for delay rests with the Government.

THEIR LAST OFFER

The Government has now offered to pay for all extra fire brigade equipment and from 60 to 75 per cent. of

the cost of precautions, according to the means of areas, and 75 per cent. of all costs beyond a penny rate. The Government view is that the burden is not likely to exceed on the average the product of a penny rate.

This offer, described as the last to be made, has not been accepted by the councils.

The L.C.C. and London Borough Labour Parties are not opposed to air raid precautions, but in common with the other councils believe they should form part of the national defence scheme and that expenses should be paid by the country as a whole. Many councils controlled by Tories have taken a stronger line than some Labour councils.

Thousands of voluntary wardens are required.

Large sums will also be required for decontaminating centres, shelters, and materials for making buildings gas and bomb-splinter proof. The training of wardens and other workers and provision of their equipment will also absorb large sums.

FURTHER MOVES

The unprotected boroughs of London are:

Poplar, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Greenwich, Bermondsey, Southwark, Camberwell, Deptford, Fulham, Stepney, Woolwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, Finsbury.

The boroughs which have prepared satisfactory schemes are Hammer-smith, Westminster, Chelsea, Murylbone, Paddington, Holborn, Wandsworth, Hampstead, Kensington, St. Pancras, Stoke Newington, City of London, Battersea, Hackney and Islington.

There will be further negotiations with the Home Secretary during the next few weeks. It is believed that he is now anxious to rectify the position as soon as possible and the councils hope for an early settlement.

Predicted Murder In The Press

Exactly as predicted by a writer in the *Minneapolis Star* recently, Patrick Corcoran, an American labour leader, has been murdered near his Minneapolis home, say the *Daily Herald*.

He had been shot behind the right ear, apparently while trying to flee to safety.

Ten days before Cedric Adams, columnist of the *Minneapolis Star*, wrote:

"I met a very close friend last night who has given me scores of items in the past, some of which were scoops. He has never been wrong, and here's one you can take for what it is worth: A prominent labour leader in Minneapolis will be 'taken for a ride' in two weeks."

Mr. Adams, who said that his information came from another labour leader whom he declined to name, went to the police as soon as he heard of Corcoran's murder.

Corcoran was the chief of a group of unions in the district which were affiliated to the American Federation of Labour. A struggle for supremacy has been going on in Minneapolis and the twin city of St. Paul between the Federation and Committee for Industrial Organization.



Anna Neagle, the famous British film star, is said to be one of the most popular women of the Empire thanks to her clever portrayal of Queen Victoria in the film depicting the life of the great British Queen.

Tame Men Of The Woods

Bearded Men of Luxton, colonists who have gone "back to Nature," broke a hitherto rigid silence the other day to talk to *Daily Herald* correspondents over a great log fire.

They were some of the first strangers ever to be admitted to their two-year-old colony in the backwoods on a hill six miles from Corby, Derbyshire—twenty people who live as people lived hundreds of years ago.

They are cultured, educated people, five families in all, who have gone back to the land, they say, to escape the strain of living in modern towns and cities.

Their numbers include a University graduate, a stockbroker, a journalist, a chemist and a schoolmaster.

Three babies have been born recently in the colony, whose people till the land and tend their stock from dawn to sunset.

They scarcely ever visit a town. They never visit a theatre or cinema, hear neither radio nor gramophone. In their half dozen wooden shacks, sparsely furnished inside, the wives prepare home-grown food over open fires.

They were asked why the men folk grow long beards.

A chorus replied, "Because we do not think it is worth shaving."

"We believe in just living our own natural lives with our wives and families," said one of the leaders.

We are outside the money system as far as possible. That is to say we produce as much as we possibly can by farming our own land, keeping cattle and using horses and donkeys for transport.

"We are working on a sort of five-year plan in the hope that eventually we shall be absolutely self-supporting. We have a weaving apparatus with which we are starting to make our own clothes."

"Our life is no shackle. But remember this, we lead a virile life in the open and every one of us is happy."

"There is no real organisation, each man working with his family for himself. But we are not cranks—we are level-headed people."

The Bearded Men now wear corduroy breeches and leather or tweed coats, and gum-boots. In the summer they have been known to work in their bare feet on the land.

Women Farmers Increase

Davis, Cal.

A sharp increase of farming interest among women was announced by 4-H Club directors in the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California. Girls outnumbered boys attending an annual encampment of young farmers here.

British Decentralization Urged

London.

"Decentralization" of Great Britain and the building of new towns of 50,400 inhabitants is advocated by Dr. Montgomery Hyde and G. B. Falkner Nuttall in their book, "Air Defence and the Civil Population."

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CANTON PREPARED TO FIGHT

Preparations Made
For Defence

Canton, Dec. 15.
Canton is determined to put up stiff resistance to any Japanese attack, declared Col. Li Chieh-chih, Canton Police Commissioner, in an interview with the Central News to-day.

Adequate preparations, according to Col. Li, have been made by the military and police authorities for the defence of the city.

The Police Commissioner, however, expressed the hope that the Canton populace will take a calm and resolute attitude in the face of the current rumours.—Central News.

REPORTS DISCOUNTED

Canton, Dec. 16.
Reports of Japanese designs to land troops in Kwangtung to cut off possible supplies from Canton to Hankow and elsewhere, as reported from Shanghai, are not seriously taken here. Foreign circles believe that if Japanese occupy Canton, Hongkong will be completely isolated from China proper. Legal experts here are of the opinion that blockade of Hongkong is not necessary to blockade Canton. A landing may be attempted at Tolsan, Chungshan and in the vicinity of Blas Bay.

Well informed quarters declare that Japanese are busy advancing on Yangchow, in the Yangtze River, and Hangchow, and their forces in Shansi and Hopei are subject to constant harassing by guerrillas. They assert that 50,000 Japanese are not sufficient for campaigns in South China.

A Swatow report stated that Japanese naval forces may attempt to seize Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, as Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida is now in Formosa to discuss such a plan with the Governor-General, Admiral Seizo Kobayashi. Admiral Yoshida is the new Commander-in-Chief of the combined fleet—and second fleet.—Special.

LANDING REPULSED

Tolsan, Dec. 16.
Japanese warplanes bombed and strafed Hsiao-chuen Island off Tolsan on December 14 in order to cover the landing of bluejackets, who were resisted by the protective guards. The invasion was said to be repulsed. On the nearby island, Shanghai, the Japanese have not yet completed their occupation. About ten Japanese warships are cruising in these waters.—International.

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MORE AIR RAIDS

Japanese Destruction
Over Wide Front

Because the Hongkong-Canton telephone service was disrupted about 10.30 yesterday morning, it was believed that the railway had been bombed again by the Japanese. However, the railway authorities stated yesterday afternoon that there had been no bombing. The morning express arrived on time and the day's schedule was in no way interrupted. The reason for the failure of the telephone service may possibly be due to a pole collapsing because of the bad weather.

STATIONS BOMBED

Hongchow, Dec. 16.
Shaohsing, on the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway, and Chukki, on the Chienyang-Kiangsi Railway, were subjected to bombings by Japanese planes yesterday.

Three bombers released 11 bombs at Shaohsing at 9.55 a.m., killing three, wounding six, and destroying a locomotive, a passenger coach, part of the station building and sections of rails.

At 9.51 a.m. two heavy bombers from the direction of Haining dropped four bombs at Chukki, doing slight damage.

At 1.30 p.m. two bombers staged a raid on Chukki, dropping 11 bombs. Damage was done to the platform and the track.—Central News.

PENGPU DESTRUCTION

Pengpu, Dec. 16.
More than 50 bombs were rained by 18 Japanese planes on the western suburb of Pengpu during a raid yesterday noon. Chinese anti-aircraft guns fired a furious fusillade at the invading Japanese machines and drove them away.

Considerable casualties and damage to civilian property were caused.—Central News.

RAIDS IN HONAN

Hsinhsiang, Dec. 15.
Scores of bombs were rained on Tangyin and Chihai stations on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in north Honan by a squadron of Japanese bombers this morning. A number of houses around the stations were destroyed.—Central News.

HUAIYIN BOMBED

Huaiyin, Dec. 16.
Huaiyin was raided by four Japanese planes yesterday. Two high explosives were dropped in the southern suburbs, and nine in the northern suburbs. The damage was insignificant.—Central News.

TSINAN ATTACKED

Tsinan, Dec. 16.
Tsinan was scared again yesterday when two Japanese planes released two bombs at Kiaofo. No damage was done as both landed in open fields.

Tsoubien, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway about 100 miles south of Tsinan and birthplace of the Chinese hero, Menck, was also raided. Four bombs were unloaded by four planes at the railway station, demolishing part of the godown.—Central News.

JAPANESE RAID LINCHI

Tsinan, Dec. 16.
After reconnoitring various districts in south Shantung, four Japanese planes dropped six bombs inside the walled city of Linchi, about 250 kilometres south-east of Tsinan, on December 14, killing one civilian and demolishing several houses.—Central News.

TALENTED ENTERTAINER



Delle Ellis by special request will appear at the Hongkong Hotel dinner dance on December 21 for the Chinese Youth's Medical Relief Association.

HUGE CHINA CLIPPER DUE HERE THIS WEEK

The Hongkong Clipper will be replaced on the Manila-Hongkong air route this week by the larger China Clipper, which is regularly employed on the Alameda-Manila route.

Instead of terminating its trans-Pacific flight at Manila, and transferring passengers and mail into a smaller machine, the China Clipper will continue on to this Colony, carrying a large consignment of Christmas mail.

The Hongkong Clipper will be removed from the Manila-Hongkong service for approximately one month, during which time she will be employed on surveying the route of the new Pan-American Airways trans-Pacific service between Honolulu and New Zealand. This service will be inaugurated early next month, ultimately linking with Australia and existing Imperial Airways services to Europe and the Far East.

When the Imperial Airways trans-Tasman service between Auckland (N.Z.) and Sydney is inaugurated it will be possible to make a complete circuit of the Pacific, with Hongkong as a vital link in the chain.

The Hongkong Clipper was held up at Wake Island early this week by adverse weather.

"Stones Are Flying Already"

At The Divorce Bill

—MR. A. P. HERBERT

Mr. A. P. Herbert in his book "The Ayes Have It" (Methuen, 6s.) reveals the whole story of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937, from the day he decided to stand for Parliament to the moment when a Clerk in the House of Commons announced: "Le roy le veult."

"There lie before me 19 volumes of Hansard," he says, "all concerned with the Bill. I calculate that, in all, about 340,000 words were spoken about it. I have not counted how many times it was that we were 'telling England on the slippery slope'."

Mr. Herbert tells his history with characteristic charm and modesty, says the News Chronicle. He sees his achievement the result of a series of almost miraculous successions of accidents.

"Three weeks before the General Election of 1935 I had no more thought of standing for Parliament than I had of exploring the North Pole."

IN THE TRAIN

"But in a chance encounter with an Oxford man on a train journey I happened to say that I would like to stand as an Independent for Oxford University."

"Next week, to my surprise, a young man rang me up from Oxford and asked me if I meant business about the election. I said I was blown if I knew."

After his election was announced, Lord Hugh Cecil, then the Senior Burgess, wrote to him: "I sincerely oblige me to say that I deeply and keenly regret, on public grounds, your election to the University seat."

"He had in mind (I presume and hope)," says Mr. Herbert, "the question of divorce."

THE PROMISE

On December 3 he took his seat in the Commons. "On December 4, like an ass, I made my maiden speech."

It contained this promise: "I have in my hand a Bill which I am ready to introduce next Friday, or on the Friday after, or on all the Fridays, until it is passed into law; and I swear that it shall be passed before this Parliament is over." (Laughter.)

"No more deplorable boast had ever been heard beneath that roof," he comments now. "Disraeli said, I believe, that the time would come when they would hear him; he did not undertake that a parti-

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Dec. 16.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

Prices to-day were firm, although trading was light. Most stocks were well held and advances were registered of from one to four points. Improved views of the business situation continued to encourage the market and some high-priced issues latterly gained above four points. Very few securities were depressed, although Woolworth's lost nearly two points owing to strikes in their stores. Steels were good gainers. Allied Chemicals jumped. Non-ferrous metals were higher, except for U.S. Smelting. Coppers showed gains ranging above a point. Oils were generally higher.

Bonds were irregular, with Government issues higher. Curb stocks were firm, but the market was quiet.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market to-day developed a firmer tone, reflecting more favourable news and the more bullish attitude of traders. Chances now favour a further rally.

Cotton: Liverpool, Bombay and Wall Street were good buyers. The improving textile situation was also contributing factor towards bullishness. Firm legislation is improbable during the present session of Congress.

Wheat: The need of importers for strong milling qualities and the shortage of good quality wheat in the Argentine and Canadian crops is contributing to the growing belief that European holdings of American wheat will increase.

Corn: The situation is unchanged. Rubber: There are indications of slightly improved factory interest in the C.I.F. position is steadier.

Sugar: The market is stagnant, but prices are steady.

Notice
The New York Cotton Exchange will be closed at 1.00 p.m. on December 24th, and December 31st, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve respectively.

Wall Street Journal morning comment:

There is a more cheerful sentiment in the textile and steel industries.

Traders who are switching for tax purposes continue to sell motor, motor-accessory, merchandising and railroad stocks and purchase chemical, oil, utility and housing shares.

Brokers do not expect any important action in railroad shares, pending a rate decision.

The Street does not expect any results from the conferences between President Roosevelt and executives of utility companies for some months.

Investment demand for telephone issues from small holders has been large.

Dow Jones Averages, Dec. 15. Close

30 Industrials 124.09 125.75

20 Rails 31.38 31.08

20 Utilities 21.46 21.57

40 Bonds 93.43 93.42

11 Commodity Index 53.77 53.70

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

New York Rubber

December 15.12 15.14N

January 15.12 15.33 3/32

March 15.12A 15.43b/44a

May 15.33 15.53b/54a

July 15.41b/42a 15.64N

September 15.41b/42a 15.64N

Sales for the day: 1,600 tons.

The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 29.

Chicago Wheat

December 94 94 1/4

May 92 1/2 92 1/2

July 85 1/2 85 1/2

Wednesday's Sales: 23,855,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

December 58 57 1/2

January 60 59 1/2

July 60 59 1/2

The last Notice Day for December Grains is Dec. 30.

Winnipeg Wheat

December 118 117 1/2

May 117 116 1/2

July 114 113 1/2

The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat is Dec. 31.

EXCHANGE

Selling

T.T. London 1s. 2 1/2

T.T. Shanghai 1s. 10 1/2

T.T. Singapore 104 1/2

T.T. Japan 100 1/2

T.T. India 82

T.T. U.S.A. 30 1/2

T.T. Manila 0 1/2

T.T. Batavia 140 1/2

T.T. Bangkok 140 1/2

T.T. Saigon 90 1/2

T.T. France 70 1/2

T.T. Germany 133 1/2

T.T. Switzerland 104 1/2

T.T. Australia 1 1/4

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POST OFFICE.

HONGKONG RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from December 14, 1937 to January 6, 1938, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on One Fourth of the ordinary rate and to other places on One Third of the ordinary rate. (b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 6 cents per 2 ounces for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

AIR MAIL TIMES

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Manila	Adranus	December 17.
Straits	Anking	December 17.
Halong	Canton	December 17.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 18th November.		
Bangkok and Swatow	Hakone Maru	December 17.
Japan and Formosa	Kailan	December 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Klungchow	December 17.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kwangtung	December 17.
Java	Tisareca	December 18.
Shanghai	Victoria	December 18.
Straits	Anshan	December 18.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 18.
Amoy	Szechuen	December 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 20.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 20.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels—London date, 11th November.		
Calcutta and Straits	Memnon	December 21.
Straits	Sirdhana	December 21.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 25th November and London Parcels—London date, 18th November.	Titan	December 22.
	Corfu	December 23.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Friday		
*Straits and *Europe via Marseille	Sarpedon	Fri., Dec. 17, due Marseille, 14th January, 1938 and London Parcels—due London, 20th January, 1938.
Formosa, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru	Fri., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru	Fri., Dec. 17.
(Due Marseilles, 18th Jan. 1938)		
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, C.N.A.C. Plane		Reg., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
*Kweilin and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service.		Ord., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	G. F. O.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
		Ord., Dec. 18, 6 a.m.

Saturday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Sat., Dec. 18, 8.15 a.m.
Air Mail for North China and Eurasia Plane		Sat., Dec. 18.
Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).		
Air Mail for "K.L.A. Service"—due Victoria		Reg., Dec. 18, 9 a.m.
Amsterdam, 28th December.		Ord., Dec. 18, 9 a.m.
		Reg., Dec. 18, 4.00 p.m.
		Ord., Dec. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Victoria		Sat., Dec. 18.
Egypt and *Europe via Naples—due Naples, 9th January, 1938		
	G. F. O. & K. P. O.	Reg., Dec. 18, 4.15 p.m.
		Ord., Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.
Holhow	Anking	Sat., Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
*Manila	Pres. McKinley	Sat., Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Van Heutz	Sat., Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 27th December	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Dec. 18.
	G. F. O. and K. P. O.	Reg., Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.
		Ord., Dec. 19, 9 a.m.

Air Mail for Australia by "Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin 26th December.		
		Reg., Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.
		Ord., Dec. 19, 9 a.m.
Sunday		
Amoy and (Fochow via Amoy) and Shanghai	Suiyang	Sun., Dec. 19, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hailong	Sun., Dec. 19, 9 a.m.

Reg., Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord., Dec. 19, 9 a.m.	
Air Mail for Australia by "Imperial Airways Service"—Due Darwin 26th December.	
Imperial Airways Plane Sat. Dec. 18	
G.P.O. & K.F.O.	
Reg., Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord., Dec. 19, 9 a.m.	
Sunday	
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An earthquake which gave them more of a shock than the grounding of the President Hoover was spoken of by members of the crew of the wrecked vessel when the President Pierce arrived last night with 239 of the Hoover's crew.

The President Hoover ran aground on Friday night while on her way to Manila from Kobe. The passengers were taken on to Manila on Tuesday by the President McKinley, and on the following day, the President Pierce, from Kobe, picked up the majority of the crew.

Members of the crew related how, just about midnight, while travelling at her regular speed of 19 knots, the Hoover ran straight on to the reef, bringing her bows high and dry.

Later she listed and swung broadside on.

There was no panic among the passengers, who were very well-behaved and everybody stayed on board until morning, when life boats took them ashore.

CHRISTMAS MAIL ABOARD

There is 23 feet of water in No. 3 hold, and 12 in No. 2. No more water is coming in. All the cargo and about 4,000 bags of mail is still on board, though, all registered and first class mail has been taken off.

Incidentally, 408 bags of Christmas mail from the Hoover was brought to Hongkong.

"We had a tough time," said one of the men, "but considering everything, we got a pretty good break. The Japanese did all they could be expected to do for us.

"The people on the island were very primitive, and had never seen a white man before. We had to sleep where we could—in the school-house, out in the open, in the houses, together with pigs and chickens which lived with the people."

The women and children received preference in choice of accommodation and the rest made out as best they could. Later, some of the crew went back to the ship.

"We had plenty of food from the Hoover," another seaman said, "but fresh water was scarce as sea-water had seeped in to some of our tanks.

"We spent the fishing for the islanders by pumping out oil when we ran aground," he went on.

Electricity was still to be had on the ship, and moving pictures were shown.

EXPERIENCED EARTHQUAKE

Referring to the earthquake, which occurred about 9.30 on Wednesday morning (after the passengers had gone), a man said it sent him out of his bunk on to the floor. It was a sudden tremor and lasted only a short while. No damage was done.

"My first impression was that the ship was cracking up," he said, "but when I got on the deck, I saw how smooth the sea was. It just gave us one good shaking."

When told that according to a Manila report the Chinese members of the crew had not been allowed to go ashore by the Japanese authorities, the men said the Chinese had come ashore with them and slept out. Later they went back to the ship, and some were still there.

The Hoover's crew spent last night on board the President Pierce and will probably leave her this morning. They expect to go to the United States on the President McKinley which comes in on Monday from Manila with the Hoover's passengers.

The Hoover is now attended by the Japanese salvage tug which left Hongkong last week with Mr. T. B. Wilson, local agent, and Mr. T. H. Brayfield, marine expert. Lloyd's agent is also on the scene.

The cause of the wreck and the extent of the damage and the prospects of salvage will not be known for some time as investigations are not yet completed.

WHO IS "THE THIN MAN"?

(Continued from Page 6.)

But in essentials there was a thin man.

You may note that Hammett's gangsters talk like gangsters, and not like a Hollywood imitation.

Hammett was a good detective, but he says he was probably over-rated because of the plausibility with which he could explain away his failures.

HOWEVER, Hammett found detection a bit monotonous, says the case of Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle was the only one that relieved it.

"That was the funniest case I ever worked on," said Hammett in one of his rare statements about his work.

In trying to convict Arbuckle, everybody tried to blame everybody else. It became tedious, so Hammett bought himself a typewriter.

When he could take time off from hunting for lost pearls and missing daughters, Hammett sat in front of his machine laboriously tapping out stories.

His early books were successful, but his most successful, "The Thin Man," was turned down by one magazine editor.

That discouraged Hammett, but another bought it, boosted it as the greatest American crime story ever written.

Hammett still writes slowly. It takes him a whole evening to write a thousand words, but he never has to rewrite.

Perhaps that is why the American critics say that Dashiell Hammett's are the only detective stories that are literature as well as entertainment.

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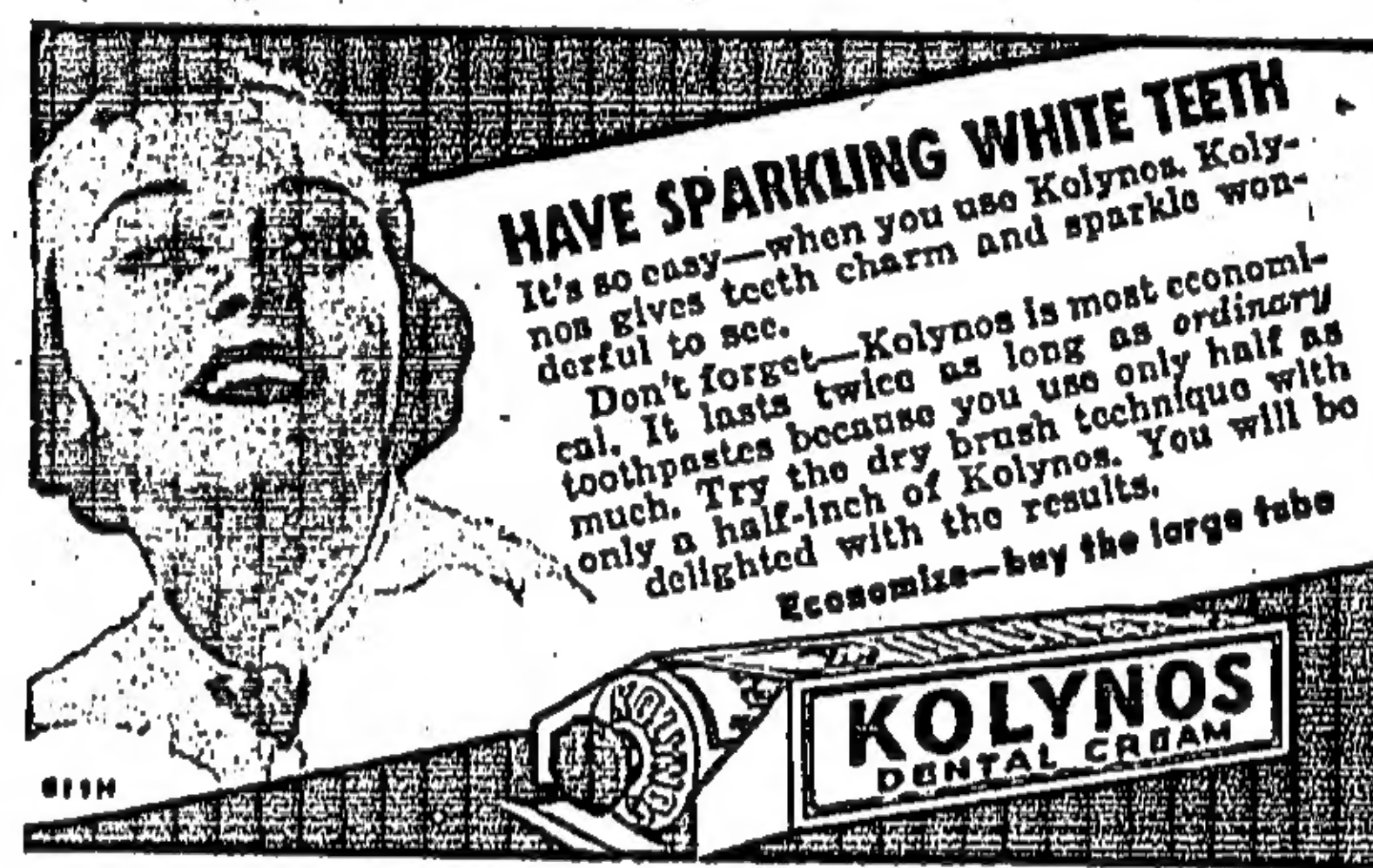


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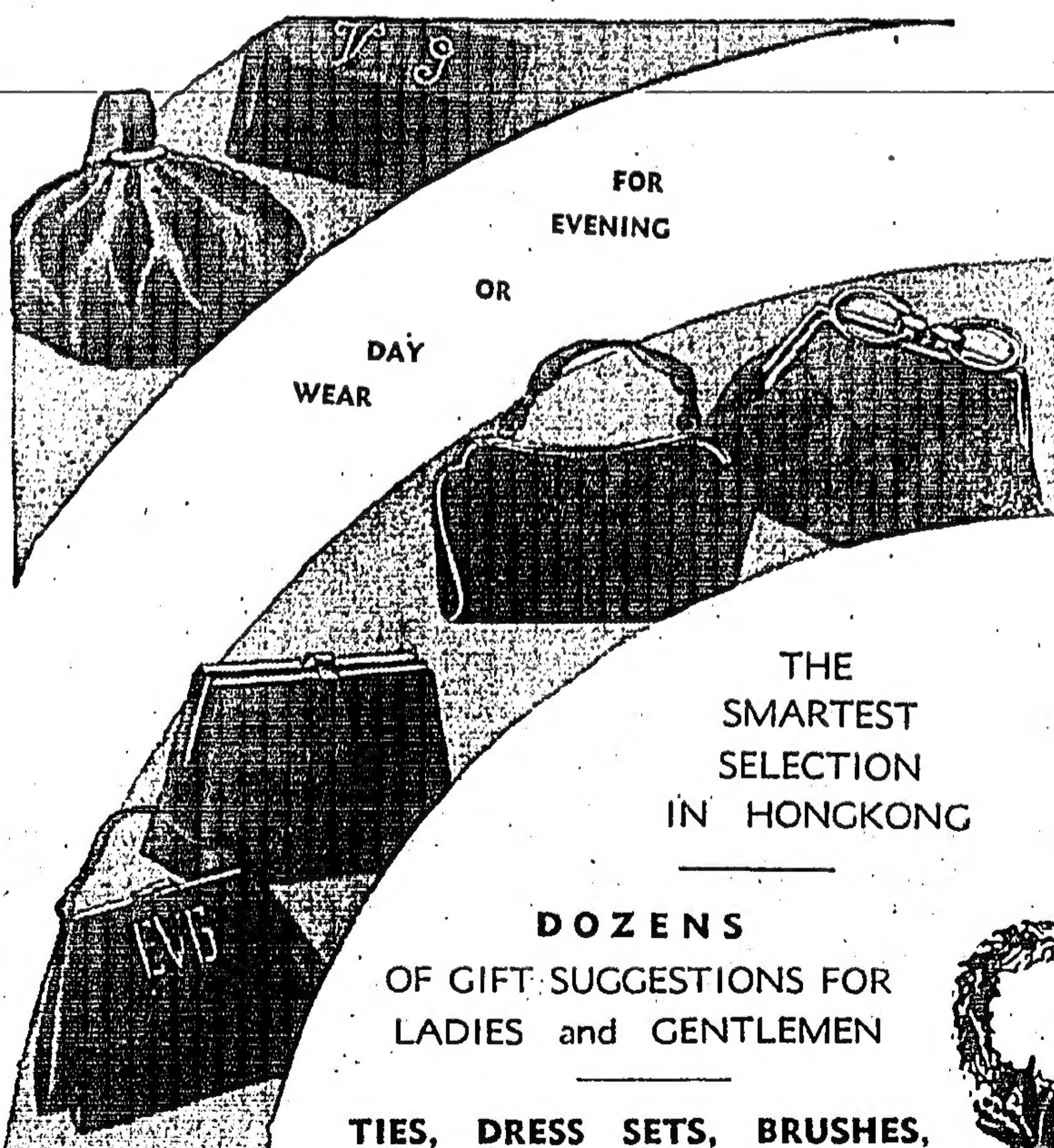
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1937.

HIGH COST OF
LIVING

The Government feels that rents now demanded in Hongkong are not unreasonable and that increases which have occurred since the demand for living quarters increased with the outbreak of hostilities in China are probably justified. In the majority of cases the rents now asked, even those which have recently been increased and have been the subject of complaint by tenants, are less than those of 1933. These are facts which cannot be contested. And yet there is no question in the minds of many people that the average rentals charged among the poorer classes are too great a burden upon their slim resources. The question of correcting the situation which has resulted from the system of principal tenantry and the sub-letting of floor space in the form of cubicles, has been discussed frequently. The abuses to which such a system is heir are too well-known to require repetition. The labouring class of people, the shop foki and office coolie type who live in these cubicles are the victims, all too often, of principal tenants who expect to live on the profits of sub-letting.

Landlords, as a race, are unpopular people as a rule; but there is no fault found with the ordinary Hongkong building proprietor for the rents he asks. They are not exorbitant. They do not always bring a decent profit on the investment. That is probably because the cost of construction is very heavy, for some reason which has yet to be explained. But for the cubicle dweller and even the \$200- or \$300-dollar-a-month man times are always hard, and rents are one of causes for his constant financial stringency, the perpetual penny-pinching which must be the lot of such a community as this where labour is so cheap. A condition which allows cheap labour can probably be traced to over-supply, simply to too great a population for the commercial requirements of a place, though economists do say that no population can be too large to support itself. However that may be, there is much poverty here, and living conditions for the small wage earner are such that they might very well be further investigated. The blame for the high cost of living in Hongkong probably does not lie upon rents any more than on food and clothing. And since wages must be governed by the cost of living it would be interesting to discover just what their relation is at this time.

A cost of living inquiry is under way in Great Britain and in this connection the Monthly Review of Barclay's

THE man who wrote "The Thin Man" is called Dashiell Hammett. But who is Dashiell Hammett? Many people have asked that since the appearance of the film.

He is more mysterious than even the characters he creates in his detective stories. His publishers known very little about him except that anything he writes sells fantastically well.

The magazine editors who serialise his stories have never seen him.

The film bosses who make big money out of his stories cannot tell you how old he is, and this in the business where nobody is allowed to have any secrets.

Millions have read his book, "The Thin Man," millions more have seen the film. So let's put on record what we have found out about him, for his career is more interesting than that of most literary folk.

First to describe him: Dashiell Hammett is a thin man. He is tall, handsome, has grey hair, a black moustache, and humorous eyes.

Hammett's hobbies are few and simple: drinking, ping-pong, and parlour games. He likes giving parties, but prefers to sit round while others do the talking. He likes to keep long and late hours, and he doesn't sleep so well even when he gets to bed.

The world's greatest detective writer does not read detective stories, but he does read philosophy. Do you know that exciting but heavy-going book called "Decline of the West," by Oswald Spengler?

It tells of the decay of Western civilisation. To banish his insomnia Hammett reads a slab of that at nights.

Temperamentally Hammett is lazy. Though he lives near the best beach in the United States he is too apathetic to go swimming.

WHEN he is in New York he spends part of his time sitting round night clubs, going to first nights, but few in those places know that the author of "The Thin Man" is among them.

When he is in Hollywood he also spends part of his time sitting round night clubs and going to film premieres, but few in that city recognise him as the man who made William Powell and Myrna Loy more famous than ever they were before.

Bank observes:

"The changes which have taken place in modes of living and habits of spending since 1914 have made it apparent for some time that the cost of living index of the Ministry of Labour does not adequately represent present conditions. Nevertheless, in the absence of a better standard, many wages agreements depend upon it and, in a considerable number of industries employing nearly 1½ million workpeople, the collective arrangements between employers and employed include provision for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with the movements of the official cost of living index. The principal object of the inquiry now being undertaken by the Ministry of Labour into the expenditure of working class households is to remedy this unsatisfactory situation and it is hoped to obtain sufficient information for the construction of a cost of living index which will be a real representation of the facts of ordinary working class life. No such comprehensive official inquiry has been made in Great Britain since 1918, when the position was greatly affected by the abnormal conditions arising out of the War, and the only official inquiry prior to that year was carried out in 1904."

Hongkong would be well advised to ponder the example of the British Government, and possibly apply to wages in this Colony the related cost of living index so far as it is possible. There is no doubt but it would relieve much distress and in all probability would eventually make for a richer community.

Who is "The Thin Man"?

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Work the following sums in your head (without using paper or pencil) within the time allowed for each grade, writing down the results on a slip of paper. Then compare them with the answers at the foot of Column 6 and 7.

Time allowed for Grade A: Four minutes.

1. What is the length of a string I can cut into seven pieces eight inches long, two pieces five inches long and have nine inches over.

2. Jean is twice as old as John, John three times as old as William, who is as old as Robert. Robert is thirteen. How old is Jean?

3. Seven separate triangles, each having three equal sides, are made out of sixty-three inches of wire. How long is each side?

4. A boy sells nine dozen newspapers at 2d. each. What profit does he make on the whole if each newspaper costs him 134d?

Time allowed for Grade B: Six minutes.

1. I have bought three books at 7s. 6d. and one at 5s. How much change have I left from one and a half guineas, which I had left in my purse?

2. If a train travels fifteen miles in ten minutes, how long will it take to run one mile?

3. A man of thirty-five is seven times as old as his child. How many times as old as his child is he twenty-five years later.

4. In a bag are apples. John is given half and Robert a quarter. John has twelve more than Robert. How many apples were in the bag at first?

Time allowed for Grade C: Eight minutes.

1. What is the greatest number that will divide into 91 and 135, and leave 3 in each case?

2. A policeman is pursuing a man who has had an hour's start on him and is walking at the rate of three miles an hour. The policeman is progressing at the rate of four miles an hour. How long will it take the policeman to catch up with the man he is pursuing?

3. If your salary is reduced by 20 per cent, and then increased by 20 per cent., do you have the same as before; do you lose or gain, and if so by what percentage?

4. The first even number is 2, the second 4, and so on. What is the 200th even number?

Time allowed for Grade D: Twelve minutes.

1. A big solid cube, each side measuring four inches, is composed of wooden cubes measuring each one cubic inch. The outside of the big cube is then painted black. When the paint is dry, the big cube is broken up into the small cubes.

(a) How many small cubes will have paint on four sides? (b) On three sides? (c) On two sides? (d) On one side? (e) How many have no paint on?

2. What is the area of a plot three and a half yards square?

on good terms with his employers. War came, and Hammett went to France, and there he was promoted to sergeant's rank. He was gassed, and back home, with his health half-ruined, he looked round for a job. He saw none that interested him.

Now, after the war crime was one of the major occupations in the United States. It fascinated Hammett, and he joined Pinkerton's, the famous detective agency.

Pinkerton's is a great agency, often called in when the Government's police fail. It has offices in about forty cities. It recovered the stolen Gainsborough portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire after the police had sought it for twenty years. The trade mark of Pinkerton's is a wide-open eye and the motto, "We never sleep."

So Hammett, in this organisation, was able to get on the inside of crime, and he had eight years of it. Daily he talked with gangsters and racketeers. His friends

Then he began work, and his jobs sound like a catalogue of occupations. He sold newspapers; he was a messenger boy in a railway company; a clerk in an advertising office; a stockbroker's clerk; time-keeper in a cannery and a machine shop. He says he was not much good at any of them.

He was often sacked, but, with the sense of humour of "The Thin Man," he was always

(and enemies) were mobsters, molls, con-men, fences.

He saw the drama, squalor, humour, and tragedy of the under-world at close quarters—so close that his talks with "dese, dem and dose guys" made it difficult to prevent himself from talking like them.

No reason to marvel, then, that Hammett's detective stories are different, that they set a new standard in detective fiction.

No other detective writer shows so brilliantly the actual means by which the criminal is caught. Add to that racy dialogue, humour, and swift action, and you get something rare.

REALISM is the secret. For Hammett recorded every character he met in his mind, and every one of his characters comes out of his mind into his books.

Disguised, of course, "The Thin Man" may have been fat in real life, or he may have been a fence instead of a gambler.

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SOLUTION

These are the solutions to the tests in Column Four:—

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| A | | C | |
| (1) 75ins. | (2) 70. | (1) 44. | (2) 3 hours. |
| (3) 3ins. | (4) 2s. 3d. | (3) Lose 4 per cent. | (4) 400 |
| B | | D | |
| (1) 4s. | (2) 40secs. | (1) a=0, b=8, c=24, d= | |
| (3) Twice. | (4) 40. | (2) 24, c=0. | (2) 12¼ sq. yards. |

Doctor Criticises 'Disciplinarian' Teachers, Says 'LAZY CHILDREN ARE RARE'

Warns Schools Against 'Sarcasm'

DR. W. LINDESAY NEUSTATTER, Guy's Hospital psychologist, has been studying the "lazy" child at school. He believes that real laziness is rare.

He says: "The general complaint that a boy or girl is not making satisfactory progress at school covers a number of underlying conditions. As often as not an inability to work is looked upon as mere laziness, to be treated by disciplinary measures.

"Yet laziness is a term which should appear last in a medical vocabulary. When the term is used it should be reserved for the energetic child who shows a disinclination to work, whereas it is generally applied to the listless child."

Dr. Neustatter, writing in *The Practitioner*, suggests that listlessness is not natural in a healthy child. Find the causes of the trouble and the so-called laziness will vanish.

DOCTOR'S JOB

"A normal healthy boy or girl's interest is directed towards the outside world; not necessarily towards acquiring an intimate acquaintance with the vagaries of the French verbs, but with external matters: trains, games, motor-bicycles, or film stars, depending on age and sex.

"When the outside world fails to interest, then it means the child is preoccupied with internal problems, has insufficient energy to devote to outside tasks, which expresses itself as lack of attention or concentration."

Dr. Neustatter considers it is the doctor's job to find out what is the matter.

He criticises school-teachers who insist that a backward child must be lazy, and declared that sarcasm and ridicule in class may seriously affect the mind of a sensitive child.

MAN'S SUICIDE BY BURNING

"NOT UNCOMMON IN THE EAST"

The suicide by burning of a professor of Oriental studies was described at an Eastbourne inquest recently.

A verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned on Kenneth James Saunders, 54, of Eastbourne, whose body was found in a hut on the Downs above Eastbourne, with a can containing paraffin near by.

The coroner, Dr. E. F. Hoare, said: "The man appeared to have made up his mind to purchase the paraffin, and seems to have chosen this very unusual way of ending his life."

"He upset the paraffin near his head and was rendered unconscious very quickly. I think it is possible—he was a student of Oriental affairs—that he might have had some idea of trying this death by burning which is not uncommon in India and the East."

NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Miss Joyce Saunders said her brother had travelled a great deal in India, where he was employed by the Maharaja of Baroda, and in the Far East.

He was brought home from Japan with a nervous breakdown. He was a student of Eastern religion, but she could not think of any rite which would suggest the way in which he died.

Dr. J. Bodkin Adams said he had been attending Saunders for two years, and during that time he had been a voluntary patient in a home.

Recently he had been much better, but he was disappointed that his nervous breakdown had prevented him from taking a professorship at Oxford.

A maid said that he had been depressed, and she had seen him weeping.

On a cardboard box containing tobacco was written "For the next occupant."

Cows Go To College

Portales, N.M. Several students at New Mexico junior college here defray their expenses by bringing their cows to college with them and marketing the milk. The college supplies the feed from its student-operated farm and buys much of the milk for its dining hall.



President Getulio Vargas assuring Brazilians by radio from Rio de Janeiro that his assumption of dictatorial powers had no connection with Italy, Germany or Japan and that the new corporate state was not fascist. At extreme right is Justice Minister Francisco Campos and at Campos' right is General Dutra, Minister of War.

EIGHT AMERICANS TRIED TO KIDNAP KAISER

Had To Be Content With His Ash Tray

Facts of an almost unbelievable war story—how eight Americans tried to kidnap the Kaiser from Amerongen, in Holland—have just been revealed in London. They wished to take him to Paris to face his trial.

They got as far as the next room to the Kaiser, but they only succeeded in kidnapping his favourite ash-tray.

The men were led by Colonel Luke Lea, of the 114th Field Artillery, A.E.F. Each man, carefully chosen, came from Tennessee. They made two trips to Holland.

The first on December 6 ended on December 28, 1918, when the party reached the Dutch frontier, reports the *Sunday Express*.

The party returned to France and started out again on December 31. They had a car, arms, and money.

Their idea was to cross the frontier, dash to Count Von Bentinck's house at Amerongen, where the Kaiser was staying, kidnap the exile, and drive to Paris.

Once in Paris they intended to go to President Wilson's residence and hand over their captive.

ALLOWED UNIFORMS

Lea hoped the Kaiser would stand his trial as instigator of the war. At that time there was great feeling against the former monarch.

The party reached Liege, Belgium where they tried to get Dutch passports. They were unsuccessful.

Thirty miles further on their car broke down. But they obtained another from the colonel of an American regiment.

When they made for Brussels, where they managed to obtain passports from the Dutch Government—passports that described them as being on official business, allowed to wear uniforms.

The Dutch Minister supplied a laissez-passer that stated that the men were on official duty for the U.S. Government.

From Brussels the men made for the Dutch frontier. The armed guards at the barbed wire, machine gun protected frontier station let them through without a word.

They pressed on towards Amerongen, picking up an interpreter on the way.

LOOKED WORRIED

As dusk was falling the car came to a halt. The one bridge they had to cross had been washed away.

But they found a ferry and went on. The ferryman refused to await their return.

A few minutes after eight on January 6 they arrived in Amerongen and drove to Count Von Bentinck's house.

The sentry outside was ordered by Colonel Lea to open the door. He did, impressed by the strange uniform.

They were taken to the office of the day, demanded to see the Kaiser, and were ushered into the room.

There in the library, a fire burning, they were asked to wait. A few minutes later a man entered. It was the colonel, and he looked worried.

Woman Finds Mountains Under Sea

A woman has discovered a hitherto uncharted range of submarine mountains between Jan Mayen and Bear Islands, in the Arctic Ocean.

She is Miss Louise A. Boyd, American Arctic explorer, now in London on her way home from her fifth Arctic expedition.

"How important this finding is it is too early as yet to say," she told Louise Morgan of the *News Chronicle*, "but in this area previously no soundings under 1,000 fathoms have been made."

"We were able to map out thoroughly a considerable area in which the depth was only 350 fathoms. When our sounding charts are worked out we shall find the area is probably even shallower."

Miss Boyd was leader and photographer of the expedition, which was financed by her under the auspices of the American Geographical Society of New York. Her specialty is camera mapping, a highly technical scientific process, and her cameras weigh 60 lb. each.

She left Alesund, Norway, in the sealer *Veslekari* on June 1 to study the formation of fords and glaciers in North-East Greenland. Meteorological observations were also made for the Norwegian Weather Bureau and soundings taken on the way north through the ice.

With her went Dr. Richard Flint, geologist and glaciologist, of Yale University, and his assistant, Mr. Lincoln Washburn; Dr. Henry Austin, head of the department of Botany, Duke University; Mr. Fred Buhler, surveyor; Mr. James Le Roy, hydrographer.

They were gone four months, with five weeks on land between the opening and closing of the ice. "We were 300 miles north of the nearest settlement and thousands of miles away from the nearest ships," she said.

Field observations and camera mapping, combined with detailed mathematical calculations, will enable the contours of uncharted fjords and glaciers to be accurately plotted out.

Gladstone Speaks Again

William Ewart Gladstone's voice echoed again, rising and falling with all the skill of the accomplished politician, at the first annual Gladstone memorial dinner held in the National Liberal Club, London, recently.

It came on a gramophone record made in 1899, and put on by Mrs. Dorothy Parish, Gladstone's favourite granddaughter.

"Dear Mr. Edison," said Mr. Gladstone, "I am profoundly indebted to you for, not the entertainment only, but for the instruction it has been my privilege to enjoy."

He referred to his voice as "only a very common organ, the employment of which has been overstrained."

MONEY FOR SHIPS

Shipowners were advanced £3,052,004 in the year ended March 31 for building 50 new vessels subject to 97 old ones being demolished.

Cancer Hospital's £50,000 Windfall

Gifts totalling £50,000 have been made to the Royal Cancer Hospital by Mr. A. Chester Beatty, millionaire mining expert and art connoisseur.

He has bought a building, formerly the Freemasons' Hospital in Fulham Road, S.W., and will present it to the Cancer Hospital, which it adjoins.

It will now be used to rehouse the Hospital's Research Institute.

Mr. Beatty will equip the building and re-equip the radio therapeutic department of the hospital with the latest modern high voltage X-ray apparatus, at a cost of £15,000.

The Royal Cancer Hospital has maintained a research institute for

many years, but the new institute will allow development.

Recently an offer by Mr. Chester Beatty to provide a scholarship in radiology was accepted by the Senate of the University of London.

Mr. Beatty, an American by birth, has lived in this country for 25 years and became a naturalised Englishman in 1935.

RADIO BROADCAST

Gaston D'Aquino in Songs From the Studio LONDON RELAYS

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.49 metres (9.52 m.c.s.)

11.15-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Irish Songs. The Bard of Armagh (arr. Hughes); The Hills of Donegal (Sanderson); The Irish Emigrant (Baker); Danny Malone (Tenor). 12.40 Variety.

Orchestra—Savoy Irish Medley... New Mayfair Orchestra; Comedians—Silly, Isn't It?... Bennett and Williams; Vocal—You're Here, You're There (Loeb-Kahil); A Little Co-Operation From You (from "Going Greek"); Judy Shirley; Piano—Going Greek—Selection... Patricia Rossborough; Orchestra—Swingitis... Bert Firman's Quintuplets of Swing.

1 Time and Weather. 1.03 New Light Orchestra.

Springtime Suite (Eric Coates); "The Morning" (Pastorale); "Monday Song" (Romance); "Dance in the Twilight" (Valse); For Your Delight (Serenade) (Eric Coates); Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer; Schubert Waltzes (Schubert)... Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

1.27 Reuter & Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Arthur Schnabel at the Piano.

Rondo in C Major, Op. 51, No. 1 (Beethoven); "Für Elise" (Beethoven).

1.49 Orchestral and Lily Pons (Soprano).

The Twin Brothers—Overture (Schubert)... The Berlin-Charlottenburg Opera Orchestra; "Monday Song" (Romance); "Dance in the Twilight" (Valse); For Your Delight (Serenade) (Eric Coates); Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer; Schubert Waltzes (Schubert)... Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

2.15 Close down.

7 Chinese Programme.

7 Dance Music. Fox-Trot—Two Shadows in the Moonlight, Moon At Sea... Billy Thorburn & His Music; Cat and Mouse; Quicksilver... Herbert Kuster & His Piano Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—You Passed Me By; Fox-Trot—Once Only... George Boylanger & His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Your Broadway And My Broadway; Yours and Mine (from "Broadway Melody of 1938")... Harry Roy & His Orchestra; Waltz—If You Only Knew; Quickstep—Why Isn't It You? (from "Crest of the Wave"—Hassall & Novello)... Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra. 7.30 Stock Quotations and Hong-kong Exchange Market. 7.35 Variety.

Comedians—Gert and Daisy Moko; Christmas Fudding... Elsie and Doris Waters; Piano—Charlie Kunz; Piano Medley No. D.8... Charlie Kunz; Vocal—Dere's A Man Goin' Roun' Takin' Names (Brown); Work All De Summer; Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel (arr. Brown)... Paul Robeson (Bass); Dance Orchestra—Fox-Trot—The Sheep Went In The Meadow; A Little Co-Operation From You (from "Going Greek")... Harry Roy and His Orchestra. 8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 London Relay—"Christmas Is Coming".

An impression of London preparing for the holiday season.

8.30 Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) and E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. Nel verde maglio "Loreley" (Catalani); 2. Siciliana "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni); 3. Quando e bella "L'elisir d'amore" (Donizetti); 4. Secret Love (Landon Ronald); 5. Se tu non torni (Tosti); 6. L'alba separa dalla luce l'ombra (Tosti); 7. Perduto e amore (Nittile); 8. Mamma mia che voi sapete (Nittile).

9. The Christmas Carol. 10. The Christmas Carol. 11. The Christmas Carol. 12. The Christmas Carol.

11.15 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 a.m.

11.30 a.m. Recital by Gladys Palmer (Contralto) and Glyn Dowell (Tenor).

4.15 p.m. Big Ben. The BBC Military Band.

4.30 p.m. Quarterly Technical Talk—1.

5.5 p.m. "At the Black Dog".

6.15 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 6.15 p.m.

8 p.m. "As I See It—1".

8.15 p.m. Benjamin Gilt (Tenor).

8.45 p.m. Big Ben. "Circus in Prospect".

9.15 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.15 p.m.

9.45 p.m. Recital of Schumann's Songs.

9.55 p.m. "Christmas is Coming".

10.15 p.m. Henry Hall and his Dance Orchestra.

10.30 p.m. Quarterly Technical Talk—1.

10.50 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.50 p.m.

11.15 p.m. Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.

11.30 p.m. "For the Colonial Service".

11.45 p.m. Orchestral Music.

12.00 a.m. Carols: The First Christmas and the BBC Singers.

12.15 a.m. Quarterly Technical Talk—1.

12.30 a.m. "At the Black Dog".



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SOVIET AGREEMENT WITH CHINA

Tokyo, Dec. 16 (3.25 p.m.) Arrangements for Sino-Soviet military co-operation were recently completed between General Sun Fo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek and agents of the Soviet Government, according to the Japanese press.

It is alleged that one of the Soviet's conditions for assisting China is the strengthening of the Chinese Communists. The Japanese press adds that Russian help will be extended through the Chinese Communist leaders. Chu Teh and Mao Tse-tung, and asserts that Soviet officers will be assigned for duty with the Chinese army.—*Reuter*.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Public Enemy's Wife" (King's Theatre, to-day).—After the recent trend of pictures depicting America's "public enemies", it was almost inevitable that films about the wives of these mobsters would follow. Here is one of them, with Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay in the chief roles.

"Morocco" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—One of the greatest favourites of a few years ago. Gary Cooper and Marlene Dietrich together in a powerful story.

"A Successful Calamity" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—To those who like George Arliss, the stories of his pictures usually do not matter at all; they are satisfied just to see him amble his lovable way through.

"Saragosa" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—The late Jean Harlow's last picture, in which she was co-starred with Clark Gable. There are some weak bits in the film, but on the whole it is satisfying.

"The Great O'Malley" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Pat O'Brien as the tough Irish cop who cleans up a gang of criminals.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says: The market remains neglected.

Buyers: Hongkong Bank £91; H.K. Electric \$32½; Sinoan Lights \$16½; China Lights (Old) \$11.

Sellers: China Lights (New) \$10.80; H.K. Electric \$32½; Sinoan Lights \$16½; China Lights (New) \$11.10/20; China Lights Rights \$5.

Central \$15½; H.K. Steamships \$20; China Lights (New) \$11.10/20; China Lights Rights \$5.

LOCAL RACING SEASON WILL CLOSE TO-MORROW

CLUB OFFICIALS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON SUCCESSFUL YEAR

PROSPECTS REVIEWED BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club will close its racing season to-morrow when the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be staged. The first saddling bell will be rung at the usual time, 1.30 p.m., sharp.

There are the usual eight events on the programme including three Autumn Champions over one and a quarter miles, confined respectively to old China ponies, subscription griffins of this year and the Australian ponies of any season. These three classics are for ponies that have started in at least four extra meetings of this Club during the year, two of such previous to July 1, and two subsequent to that date.

The attention of owners is drawn to the fact that nominations for the champion contest are post entries, but non-winners at the extra meetings are barred. Owners are also reminded that ponies whether Australian or China for any of the classics must be declared in writing as starters by posting their names in the declaration box in the usual manner.

It would undoubtedly give a false colouring should I attempt to suggest that there will be no opposition in these three champion events; but the convincing manner in which Gordito (sub-champion) and Gypsy Love (Australian champion) annexed the St. Leger run over a month ago argues very much in favour of their chances of duplicating their successes in the Autumn champions. The contest between Bear Claw, King's Warden and Wild Life is, in my opinion, very open; in fact punters should be treated to one of the finest champion events for China steeds seen at Happy Valley.

There will be no more flat racing after to-morrow, but we will only have to exercise a little patience until the Annual Carnival in February, and I sincerely trust that during the interval I shall be able to spot the potential winners of the 1938 Valley Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Rotoy-Hill Derby. I will start to discuss the prospect of various candidates commencing from January 1.

Space does not permit at this juncture to review the 1937 racing season, but it must be admitted that the Hongkong Jockey Club has had a very successful year and the stewards and the officials have carried out their duties to the entire satisfaction not only to the members, but to the general public as well. We have had remarkable "sunshine" weather for this year's racing, the only "wet" meeting being at the Sixth Extra, and that was not too bad at all.

The main aspect of to-morrow's meeting is that many ponies of different classes have been barred from the handicap events so as to give other steeds a chance of making a few dollars to provide for their upkeep; and under the circumstances several public "idols" will not be seen in action. The fields will be on the small side, but the writer is prepared to guarantee that we shall see fine racing and a good day's sport.

GORDITO APPEARS THE BEST Hongkong Sub Champions

We have no problem in spotting the winner of the Hongkong Autumn Sub-griffins Champions over 1 1/4 miles, for Gordito stands head and shoulders above all the other candidates. Coronation Day, National Anthem, Shipmaster, Whaley, Pagan Love, the winner of the Valley Stakes, is ineligible owing to the fact that this cream pony has not turned out during the second half while Atomic Star and Tempest are barred through not winning a race at the extra meetings. The order of finish should be Gordito, Coronation Day and Shipmaster.

Queensland Autumn Champions

Strathroy Unable To Accept

Strathroy is still on the walking list and her inability to accept in the Queensland Autumn Champions over 1 1/4 miles will not only add interest to the pari-mutuel department, but will make the classic very open. I do not expect to see a good turn out, but it is the opinion of regular followers of racing that it will be one of the best Australian Champions ever run at Happy Valley. It has been a walk-over affair in the past, but with the regrettable absence of Strathroy, we shall certainly see a grim battle between the following probable starters:

Able Amazon (Mr. S. C. Liang)
Blandford (Mr. N. Deltz)
Centre Court (Mr. W. H. S. Davis)
Gypsy Love (Mr. B. L. Tao)
Lancashire Chips (Mr. H. C. Pih)

Electron and Home Brew are ineligible owing to the fact that they have not won a race at the Extra Meetings. After her easy run in the Fremantle St. Leger when she romped home first, ahead of Lancashire Chips, Gypsy Love has been held back especially for to-morrow's big classic event and this young damsel by "Blackwood" is looking extremely well. Gypsy Love has never failed to run to a place since February last, but she has not won a race over the champion course and this little wanderer has to keep a sharp look-out for Able Amazon whose capability over 1 1/4 miles requires no comment. The latter ran a wonderful race at the last meeting, but she was under the weight for inches, and speculation is rife among the early risers as to whether she can carry eleven pounds more against a young lady of this year. My reply is in the affirmative and I fancy Able Amazon will win.

Hongkong Autumn Champions

Only Three Runners Likely To Start

I cannot see more than three runners, Bear Claw (Mr. D. Black), King's Warden (Mr. S. C. Liang) and Wild Life (Mr. S. W. Tang), in the Hongkong Autumn Champions for the China ponies over one and a quarter miles, but should there be any more starters, they will be out to make up the field. Bear Claw has not been running too well after the recess, but to-morrow Mrs. Dunbar's candidate will face King's Warden on level terms on the basis of weight for inches as per scale and it will certainly be a fine struggle between these two steeds. The book of form shows that King's Warden was a better animal at the Annual Carnival, but when Easter came along, Bear Claw gave King's Warden a good knock out and, judging by the early morning performances, it looks to me that King's Warden will make amends. Wild Life will have a new jockey, Mr. S. W. Tang, but must not be discounted and I would strongly recommend her to those who are out for handsome returns. She is looking extremely well and is in fine fettle.

CHAMPION RIDER

Black And Liang In The Running

To start with, we have Messrs D. Black and S. C. Liang racing neck and neck (each having 22 wins) for the honour of being champion rider; but judging by the booking of mounts the latter has Gordito, King's Warden and Able Amazon in the three major

LEAGUE LEADERS TO CLASH

Mixed Doubles Badminton

(By "Abe")
The Club de Recreio "A" and Kowloon Tong, the two leaders of the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, will clash this evening on the latter's court.

Unless something untoward occurs, I cannot see how the Club de Recreio players can lose although I realise that the Kowloon Tong team boasts of three well-balanced pairs. The Recreio ladies are too good to fear competition from any team in the Colony at the moment.

The programme in the Mixed Doubles League to-day is as follows:
Talkoo v St. Andrew's
Kowloon Tong v Recreio "A"
Recreio "B" v University

TENNIS ACE ON WAY HOME

FRAULEIN HORN IN SINGAPORE

Contrary to expectations, Fraulein Marie Horn, who was seen in action in Hongkong last month, did not continue to Australia with the other German tennis aces, Baron Gottfried von Cramm and Henner Henkel. She went with them and the manager of the team, Dr. Henrich Kleinschroth, as far as Manila, and from there she embarked on the Norddeutscher Lloyd liner Gneissau for Germany.

She arrived in Singapore on December 6, but did not play any tennis there.

events against Mr. Black's reservation of Shipmaster, Bear Claw and Ranger—it does make me feel that Mr. Liang's chance is very bright. I am not accepting any wagers, but I have a strong hunch that the Tsingtau rider will pilot three Autumn champion winners. Should he be successful, Mr. Liang will be the first jockey to perform the feat. It is interesting to relate that Mr. Leo Frost got very near to it in 1933, but was frustrated by the withdrawal of Diana Bay after "weighing out" owing to an injection of aryl having been administered within the prohibited period. A statement was issued by the Secretary of the Jockey Club as follows:

"By order of the Stewards Diana Bay was withdrawn from the race for the Hongkong Autumn Champions owing to the fact that an injection of aryl had been administered within the prohibited period. The Stewards are fully satisfied that the Indians had put up 145 with R. Abbas, S. A. Esmail and A. Baker playing good innings. They were, however, not at full strength and missed Nazrin a good deal. The Club had a very weak side with one Kowloon man, two of the regular second and one or two infrequent players turning out for them. Swain bowled very well, taking five for 41, but he is apt to be erratic."

LAGGARDS' HANDICAP

Ranger To Carry Limit Load

I have good reason to believe that all the eight entries will accept the weights allotted to them in the Laggards' Handicap over a mile for Australian ponies of any season. Ranger holds the post of honour with the limit load of 165 lbs. and if this representative of Messrs. Johnson and Alabaster can break even with the barrier, I think it is a good bet to have your money on. He is a terribly bad starter, but is a good animal especially, among this lot, Racing Heart will be the mount of Mr. H. C. Pih instead of Mr. B. Proulx who has gone north on business. This chestnut gelding has been kindly treated and so is Bag Tor. The latter has only 144 lbs. to shoulder and Bag Tor is due for a win. Aztec will be running under the new silk of the stable flung instead of Mrs. Dunbar's colours, but I am afraid the mile is not to her liking.

QUEER ALLOTMENT OF WEIGHTS

Ebony Idol Has A Heavy Poundage

The official handicapper has framed a funny allotment of the poundage; in fact it can be established as a record, for he has set Ebony Idol, owned by Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowling, (Continued on Page 9)

Cricket Notes

Tea Interval Just A Waste Of Time

SATURDAY AFTERNOON TOO SHORT AS IT IS

In my article of Tuesday's date I left the League game rather late and it got crowded out. I refer to the match between C.C.C. second eleven and the Army side. It was quite a close thing as the Craigengower bowlers rather pinned down the Army batsmen who found it difficult to score fast. Northcote alone really got going. The result was that they found themselves forced to declare at 138 for eight wickets, which is definitely on the small side.

When Craigengower came to bat they found Hatfield in his usual good form and he kept most of them pretty quiet. D. Hung and G. A. Lee were the only batsmen to do much, but they did enough to run the Army very close. Hung made 49 and Lee 22. I notice that there were no less than 25 extras. By the way, may I mention for the information of one of the scorers that "played on" is recorded as "bowled". About this game, I have heard some of the hardy annual remarks about the waste of time on the tea interval. I have never been able to understand why it should be necessary to have tea at all on a Saturday afternoon as it would seem to be an apology for your lunch and an insult to your dinner, apart from wasting a quarter of an hour of an all-too-short afternoon. If it is necessary it would be perfectly easy for the batting side to have tea just before declaration, while the fielding side could have theirs on coming in. Everyone has admitted this for years but nothing has ever been done about it. I can only suppose that the home side is afraid of appearing to be inhospitable if the teams do not sit down together. Personally I think it is all nonsense. It is a cricket match, not a garden party.

AN EXPENSIVE MISS

Kilbee got a very hard hit century (101) against the Indian Recreation Club and as he was dropped with his score at one it is easy to see how expensive these fielding errors are. As a matter of fact I was told that the catch though a perfectly simple one was right in the eye of the sun and as someone remarked, "the ball might just as well have dropped on the fielder's face for all he knew about it." Kilbee was also dropped at 11, 27 and 47 but seeing he was hitting against time and that he scored 101 out of the 151 runs scored by his side, he deserved his good fortune. Actually the Indians had put up 145 with R. Abbas, S. A. Esmail and A. Baker playing good innings. They were, however, not at full strength and missed Nazrin a good deal. The Club had a very weak side with one Kowloon man, two of the regular second and one or two infrequent players turning out for them. Swain bowled very well, taking five for 41, but he is apt to be erratic.

VOLUNTEERS DEFEATED

Last Sunday on paper the Volunteers appeared to have had quite a strong team though admittedly their bowling was weak. The Navy knocked them about all over the place. Whitmarsh was as usual getting near to a century when they declared while Cotman knocked up 43. Facing a total of 200 the Volunteers went all to pieces before the fast bowling of Sub.-Lieut. Kyrie who shot out Teddy Fincher, Perry, Tom Madar and Kilbee almost immediately. He then went off and Cotman continued the good work. I do not know who captained the Volunteers, but if current form has anything to do with it, McKenzie might well have gone in second wicket and one or two of the others last. They were all out for 711 it was a poor performance, for the side should have been worth at least a hundred and fifty.

OBITUARY

It was with the deepest regret that I read of the death of an old friend Richard Arthur Brabazon Ponsonby-Fane. It is over twenty years ago since I first met him in

the days when he was Private Secretary to Sir Henry May and for a year or two at least he used to play for the Civil Service Cricket Club on Saturdays. He was a really fine wicket-keeper who never used pads and, I believe, in his younger days seldom wore gloves. As a bowler of lobs he was perhaps more unexpected than dangerous, but as a batsman he was indeed a thorn in the bowlers' sides. Crouching low down he played an entirely defensive game—indeed when playing back he had a trick of slipping his hand half-way down the blade of the bat and patting the ball to rest in his block. But when the impatient bowler sent down a full toss it was well and truly dealt with and I have never seen a man take so many impertinent short runs with impunity. "Pon Pon", as he was affectionately nicknamed, was one of the members of the I. Zingari who strictly obeyed the club rule that if struck the player must not rub the injured part. I have seen him take some terrific blows quite imperturbably. It is probable that as a cricketer Ponsonby Fane never passed the good Club standard, but few men have ever surpassed him in his love of the game, and by no one was the spirit of cricket more clearly expressed. Nor did he love cricket for himself alone. He was an indefatigable coach and it is impossible to praise too highly the splendid and untiring work he did for the cricket of the Hongkong University. He raised its standard to one well matched with that of other First League teams and so thorough was his work that it lasted long after he had passed on from the Colony. He was one of the older generation of cricketers, of a type we seldom see in these degenerate days. Cricket has lost much by his death, but he will long be remembered by many of us in Hongkong.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

So far as the cards show the Army and Recreio first elevens have no engagements to-morrow. The other six teams are engaging in non-league encounters and as the Triangular Tournament is at hand the Navy and Club game will no doubt be regarded in the nature of a trial by their selectors. It is on the Club Ground and should be very interesting as there seems more keenness in the Navy than anywhere else in the local cricket world at present. Craigengower are at home to the Kowloon Cricket Club and the latter side ought to start shaking down into a regular league team. The fewer changes in personnel during the season, the better results as a rule. Civil Service go down to Sookunpoo to play the I.R.C. and if the latter are not at full strength they might win, as they are a much improved side.

THE SECOND DIVISION

The only friendly is between K.C.C. (at home) and Craigengower. In the league game some weeks ago K.C.C. were lucky to avoid defeat and they have not been too convincing lately. Of the four league games—home teams first—Recreio should just beat University, and the Navy have been doing so well I think they have a good chance of defeating the Police, unless Pope has another field day. Between Army "A" and the Club there should be a good level game unless the Club second gets weakened by calls from a depleted first eleven. As regards C.S.C. and Army "B", I feel reminded of a friend of mine at Happy Valley who, after regarding the list

By "R. Abbit"

COUNTY CRICKET CAPTAINS

Fewer Amateurs Available

London, Nov. 20.

Although the cricket season is far distant, several counties will be busy between now and next spring solving their captaincy problems.

Gone are the days when young men of leisure, with rich and indulgent fathers, could captain a county cricket team from May to September. With few exceptions England's amateur cricketers have to work for their living and every season the task of finding a man who can afford the time to lead a county eleven becomes more difficult.

The latest skipper to drop out is R. A. Ingle, who, although the changes were rung so frequently on his players, made such an excellent job of piloting Somerset. The usual reason—increasing business ties—has caused him to relinquish office.

Surrey are still searching for a captain, for E. R. T. Holmes has yet to contradict his statement that he cannot handle the side next summer, though there is hope that he will change his mind. Kent were in difficulties all last summer over their captain. They could not get one to act regularly, and several took a turn. They have since been informed that R. T. Bryan, who acted in most 1937 matches, will not be available, owing to his duties in the banking profession; but happily F. C. H. Chalk has agreed to step into the breach.

Essex are in a dilemma of another kind. Last summer they had to use two captains, T. N. Pearce and D. R. Wilcox, and the arrangement worked well. Pearce, who is in the wine trade taking one half of the season, Wilcox the other.

Now Wilcox, who is a master at a Westcliff school, finds he can devote the whole of next season to cricket so it looks as if Essex will make a definite choice.

New Scrum Laws Being Broken

—Says R.U. President

Major-General B. A. Hill, president of the Rugby Union, speaking at the jubilee dinner of the Lydney R.F.C. last night, criticised the methods employed by scrum half-backs and forwards.

"From some parts of the country," he said, "reports are coming in that the new laws regarding the putting of the ball into the scrum are not being followed in that the ball is still being rolled in. I want to take this opportunity to say that this is inexcusable and most deplorable."

"Surely it is simple enough for a half-back, with a little practice, to throw the ball so that it pitches inside the scrum? If it does this, it gives less time for unfair hooking, and it is thrown with moderate speed, it cannot pitch too far."

"Why isn't it done?" asked Major-General Hill. "Is it not their senseless desire to get the ball at any price, fairly or otherwise? Let us get back to proper scrummaging."

of starters in a mile race, murmured firmly "None of them can possibly win!" Both sides are weak and if the C.S.C. had any batting I would back their bowlers to pull them through. Unfortunately they have no consistent rungetter.

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BOXERS
RANKED IN
AUSTRALIAOne Heavyweight
Included

Sydney, N.S.W., Nov. 15. Stadiums, Ltd., Sydney, prior to the opening of the boxing season at Rumbold's Bay, issued a ranking of all the leading boxers in Australia, as a guide for its match-making.

Boxers whose names are not included will be given every encouragement to develop.

Ron Richards is the only heavyweight ranked.

Other rankings are: Middleweights: Ron Richards (Champion); Fred Henneberry (2); Max Rayner, Tommy Vaughan, Jack Wilson (equal 3); Jack Brander, Des Brander (equal 7); Johnny Shields (Vic), Jim Mitchell, Johnny Foster (equal 9).

Welterweights: Jack Carroll (Champion); Dick Humphreys and Herb Bishop (equal 2); Alan Westbury, Jerry Leonard and "Hock" Kuskey (equal 4).

Lightweights: Alf Blatch (Champion); "Hockey" Bennell and Tod Morgan (equal 2); Bob Arlene, Hughie Mehegan and Jimmy Dundee (equal 4).

Junior Lightweights: "Chikka" Hobbs, Cos Rogers (equal 1).

Featherweights: Mickey Miller (Champion); George Elliott and Joe Hall (equal 2); Harry Cohen, Frank Farrington, Harry Summers and Max Richards (equal 4); "Young" Roberts, Hughie Hobson (Vic), Tommy Mack (Qld); Billy Funderes (equal 8).

Bantamweights: Mickey Miller (Champion); Billy Fullman, Hollo Hinton, Vic Valsey, and Joe Kerwick (equal 2).

SCHOOL HOCKEY

Ellis Kadoorie Indian School had an easy win at hockey over the Gap Road School yesterday. Five goals were scored by the Indians, Gap Road replying with one.

The first half was even. Tip scored first for the Indians, but Gap Road equalised soon after through Wong Yu-chung.

In the second half the Indian school swarmed the goal and added four more goals through Anwar Rahman (3) and Khazan Singh (1).



Szita and Anis, one of the most popular dance teams to visit Hongkong. They are now appearing at the Hongkong Hotel in conjunction with Volsky's Midnight Follies.

RACING
PROSPECTS
REVIEWED

(By "Captain Foster")

(Continued from Page 8.)

gin, to shoulder 108 lbs. in the Dilatory Handicap while the balance of the entries have to carry the lowest impost of 140 lbs. The run is a short sprint over six furlongs confined to the last line of defence, but the bon on ponies that have won more than \$1,000 in stakes has precluded several "so-so" rings from entering, and if Elomy Idol does not cross the wire first to-morrow, there must be something radically wrong with Lt. Col. Dowling's charger. National Faith is a good gin over short distance, but Philanderer is a good chap to have \$5 each way.

FIRST LEG OF
DAILY DOUBLEFive Starters For
Tardy Handicap

For the first leg of the "daily double" event, we have only five ponies from which to select the winner and the Tardy Handicap, over a mile, is to be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. Tyne has some weight to think about, but he is a good leader and he should be well up at the finish. I fancy him with Jungle Jim and Soldier of China to follow behind.

SECOND LEG OF
DAILY DOUBLE

A Great Time Has
Good Chance

The Last Chance Handicap for "C" class among the Australian ponies has drawn only seven starters and incidentally this will be the second leg of the "daily double." A Great Time and Strathcarrick are new comers and both have been allotted the limit load and so has Discovery Bay. My vote is A Great Time, but Discovery Bay is dangerous.

FINAL EVENT

Biggest Field May
Be Seen Here

The biggest field of the meeting will probably be seen in the final event, the Final Handicap for "D" class China ponies, and it is more than likely we shall have over ten starters. In perusing the list of entries, I notice that there are no less than ten ponies carrying not more than 145 lbs. and it looks that the

FANLING GOLF

Draw For Captain's Cup
1937 Competition

Two matches comprise the first round of the 1937 Captain's Cup competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, the remainder of the players receiving byes into the second round. The following is the draw:

1st Round.—T. E. Pearce (15) v. G. F. O'Brien (17); A. A. Bremner (14) v. D. S. Edward (4).
Byes.—Major F. C. B. Shannon (6), A. Morse (12), G. H. Henry (10), G. A. Stewart (15), W. Sharp (9), I. H. Genie (11), A. D. Humphreys (10), J. B. Mackie (6), J. S. Dunnett (10), J. H. Seth (18), D. L. Prophet (14), J. E. Jupp (9), H. N. Williamson (13), Col. H. H. Blake (6).

The first named player is the challenger and is responsible for the arranging of the dates.
The 1st Round is to be played on or before January 2; 2nd Round on or before January 10; 3rd Round on or before January 30; Semi-final on or before February 13; and the Final on or before February 27.

LADIES' COMPETITION

The results of the L. G. U. Medal Competition of the Ladies' Section, Royal Hongkong Golf Club, played on December 14 were as follows:
Silver Medal (Old Course)—Mrs. Whyte Smith 90-10=80.
Bronze Medal New Course.—Miss Stevens 108-30=78.

SOFTBALL TEAM

The following will represent the Central British Association against the Filipino Club in their Softball League fixture on Sunday, on the C. B. A. ground at 11 a.m.:
W. Muir (Capt.), G. Gurevitch, G. Fowler, S. Macalder, S. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, J. J. King, T. Gaubert, D. S. Blake, E. Fowler and C. Spradbury.

UNOFFICIAL TEST

Sydney, Dec. 16.
In an unofficial lawn tennis test played in Sydney to-day, Australia and the United States each won a singles match. John Bromwich (Australia) beat Gene Mako 6-3, 6-2, 6-1, and Donald Budge (United States) defeated Adrian Quist 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-0.—Reuter Bulletin.

winner is among this lot. The old warrior, Valorous, has just three pounds above the lowest impost and if he has not lost his fighting prowess, I cannot see how he can fail to cross the wire first. Valorous has not been in the limelight too often this year, but he has certainly a sporting chance of registering his first win of the season. Gold Coin is worth the investment of a few dollars and I also like Sylvandale.

FRIENDLY CRICKET

Diocesan Boys' School In
Drawn Game

The Diocesan Boys' School were held to a drawn game by the Headmaster's Eleven in a friendly cricket match played on Wednesday. The Headmaster's team batted first, and scored 124 runs, D. J. N. Anderson being top scorer with 17 runs. D. Cray was in good bowling form, and took four wickets, while C. Matthews captured three wickets.

The School boys replied with 88 runs for seven wickets. F. Lay was top scorer for his side with 30. C. B. R. Sargent took five wickets for 38 runs.

The chief feature of the game was the fine fielding of the boys. Five catches were held, of which three were brilliantly taken. Their ground fielding was so keen that it took the visitors fully two hours to get their 124 runs.

TEAMS SELECTED

Craigengower to Play Kowloon
C. C. To-morrow

The following have been chosen to represent the Craigengower Cricket Club first eleven in a friendly cricket match against the Kowloon C. C. to-morrow on the home ground, commencing at 2 p.m.:

E. Zimmermann, A. B. Hanson, A. R. H. Esmaill, A. K. Ismail, A. M. Omar, P. J. Billimoria, S. Ramechand, A. Gobind, F. K. Lee, G. Souza and H. P. Lim.

Kowloon Cricket Club first eleven will be represented by the following:

D. J. N. Anderson, W. Bambr, H. Brokenshire, F. A. Broadbridge, E. F. Fincher, A. T. Lay, D. D. Lay, M. D. Lloyd, J. R. Luke, T. A. Mader and G. F. O'Brien.

Second Eleven

The Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven will be playing the Craigengower seconds on the Kowloon ground, and will be represented by the following:

A. A. Dand, R. Baldwin, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. E. Clark, P. O. Dunne, S. A. Gray, G. A. V. Hall, W. L. McKenzie, W. Mulcahy and C. B. R. Sargent.

Craigengower will be represented by the following:

C. W. Lam, B. R. Iranes, D. Hung, J. W. Leonard, A. Kitchell, T. E. Yeoh, G. A. Lee, W. Rapley, A. Zimmermann, W. Hong Sling and G. Winch.

The Craigengower Cricket Club will be playing the Club de Recreio in a whole-day fixture starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday on the Recreio ground. The following have been chosen to represent Craigengower:

E. Zimmermann, A. B. Hanson, F. Zimmermann, A. K. Ismail, A. R. H. Esmaill, F. K. Lee, W. Rapley, D. Hung, G. Winch, P. J. Billimoria and G. Souza.

The following have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly match against the Seaford Highlanders on Sunday at Sookunpoo, commencing at 11.30 a.m.:

A. A. Dand, D. J. N. Anderson, W. Bambr, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, S. A. Gray, H. Brokenshire, E. F. Fincher, W. L. McKenzie, G. F. O'Brien and F. Zimmermann. Umpire.—J. P. Robinson.



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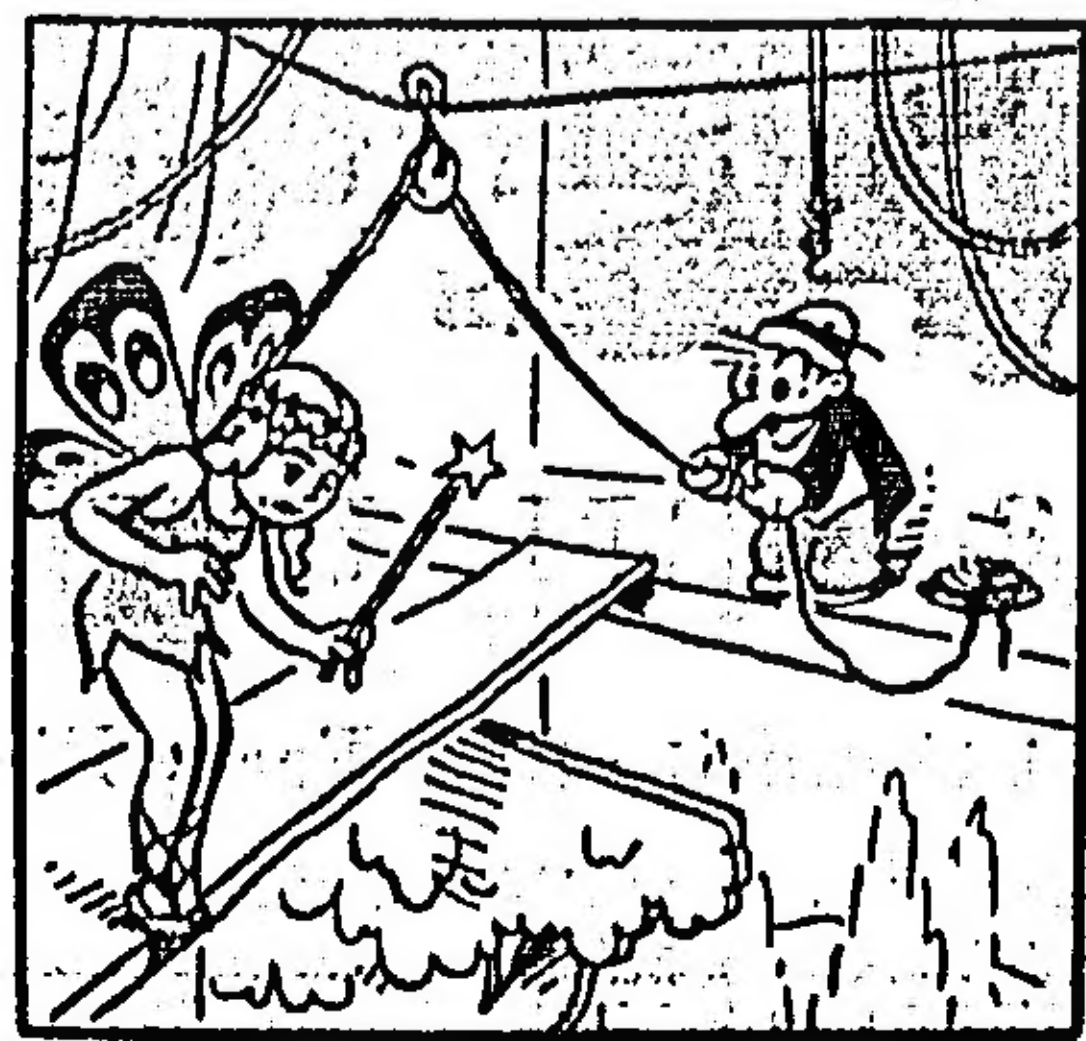
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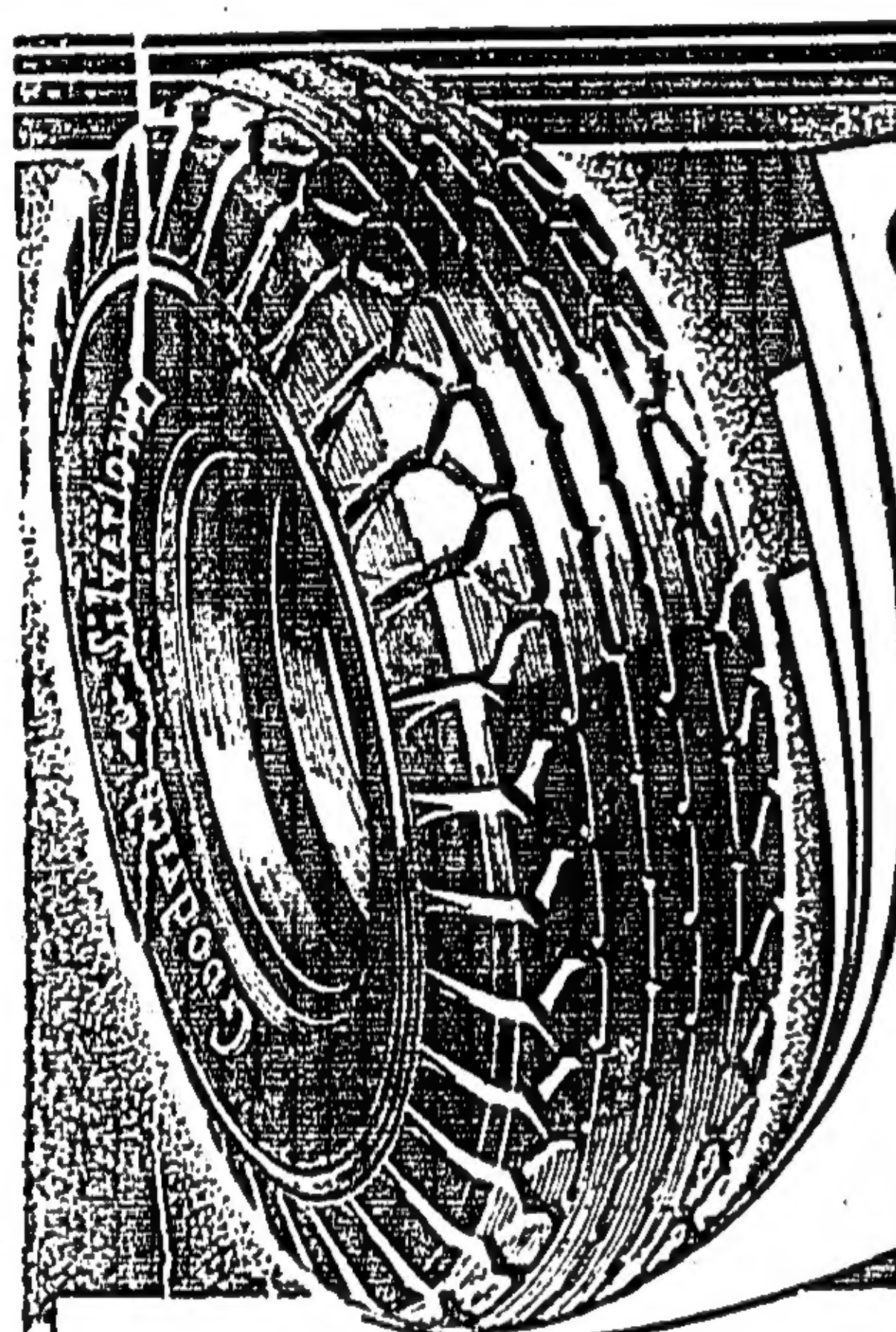
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Narcotics Trafficker Convicted

Northern Chinese Gets
Seven Years Term

A severe sentence was imposed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on Chau Tak-fong, 25, a northern Chinese, who was found guilty by a jury on two charges of possession of forty-seven and one-tenth ounces of heroin and one ounce of cocaine hydrochloride at No. 304 Jaffe Road, first floor, on October 30, and offering a bribe of \$85 to Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt at the time.

Remarking that accused had committed two serious offences, his Lordship sentenced the man to six years' hard labour on the first count, and to 18 months' hard labour on the second, the terms to run consecutively.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Assistant Attorney-General, conducted the case for the Crown, while the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, appeared for the defence. The jury empanelled was Messrs. A. Murdoch (Foreman), R. Kulp, J. O. King, A. R. F. Raven, B. R. Irace, L. G. Morales and Chin Kin-cho.

Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Whyatt said the Crown alleged that accused was in possession of dangerous drugs and that he tried to bribe S. R. O. Grimmitt. Shortly after 8 a.m. on October 30, continued Mr. Whyatt, S. R. O. Grimmitt went to Jaffe Road, accompanied by Mr. H. A. Taylor, the Government Monopoly Analyst, and three Chinese Revenue officers. The door was opened by a youth, Chung Lam, and S. R. O. Grimmitt told him he had come to inspect the water taps.

S. R. O. Grimmitt and the others then entered the floor, and found it to consist of a living room and a cubicle. There was no other occupant except Chung. The floor was very well furnished and well kept. There were two three-piece suites, a desk, table and other furniture in the living room, and the furniture in the cubicle was also of a high quality. There was a European style bed, a wardrobe, desk, small table, chest of drawers and an iron safe. A large quantity of European style clothing was also found, and also 15 empty cigarette tins of the "Three Castle" brand, and one three-quarters full tin of the same brand. All that went to show that the tenant possessed ample means.

PLENTY OF EQUIPMENT

After instructing one of the Chinese revenue officers to guard Chung, S. R. O. Grimmitt and the others proceeded to make a search of the premises. Going to the desk in the

cubicle, two packets were found, one containing crude heroin and the other gum tragacanth, which was used among the ingredients for the manufacture of heroin pills. On opening the top drawer of the chest of drawers, S. R. O. Grimmitt found it to contain personal effects, and a bottle of brown powder. On top of the chest of drawers were various tins, bottles, bowls and the like, which later, on analysis, were found to contain articles used in the making of pills, including pairs of scales. There was nothing in the living room to arouse the suspicions of a casual observer, but one of the suites aroused the suspicions of S. R. O. Grimmitt. He tapped the arms of the armchairs and settees and they sounded hollow. On examining the chairs and settees more closely, it was discovered that the panels on the sides and back of the suite all back, and inside were found all the material necessary in the manufacture of heroin pills. One of the chairs contained enough heroin for half a million pills, while the other contained sufficient heroin for 600,000 pills. The total amount of heroin seized was enough for 1,177,000 pills.

ACCUSED ARRIVES

At 12.30 p.m. Mr. Taylor left as he had other duties to attend to, and S. R. O. Grimmitt settled down to wait. At 2 p.m. the door bell rang, and he answered and opened the door. Accused was standing outside. As soon as he saw S. R. O. Grimmitt, he tried to bolt down the stairs, but was seized and pulled into the floor. Accused then put his hand into his pocket, but S. R. O. Grimmitt did not take any chances, and instantly clamped accused's arms to his side. He saw something bulging in the pocket, but it was a wallet.

Accused then said in good English, "Please let me go. I will give you some money—I will give you \$100." S. R. O. Grimmitt released his grip on accused, and replied "O.K." Accused took out his wallet, opened it and handed a wad of notes to S. R. O. Grimmitt, who smiled, and accused, sensing something was wrong, attempted to get the notes back, but was baulked. The other Chinese Revenue officers, who heard sounds of a scuffle, then arrived on the scene, and handcuffed accused on S. R. O. Grimmitt's instructions. At the time when accused entered the floor, Chung said, "He is my master." The wad of notes contained \$85, and there was another \$300 dollars in the wallet.

S. R. O. Grimmitt proceeded to search accused, who became very excited and violent and considerable force had to be used on him. A bunch of keys was found in a trousers pocket, one of which fitted the safe, but nothing of importance was found there except a further \$183.

MAN'S STATEMENT

On being charged with possession of dangerous drugs, accused said: "I came to Hongkong in April. I came here to look for a job. My friend, Li King-ming asked me to live in

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his house because he went to Shanghai on business. He asked me to look after his house." S. R. O. Grimmitt, in the course of his evidence, demonstrated in Court with the assistance of Mr. Ng, Court Interpreter, what exactly happened when he opened the door of the house and saw accused. After accused had been arrested, he went with him and Mr. Kwan to the Bank of East Asia, where defendant kept a safe deposit box, which on being opened, contained a considerable amount of money.

Chung Lam, 22, said he was engaged by accused on September 30, to look after the floor, cook and wash clothes. Defendant lived there by himself. When witness entered his

employ the furniture was already there. Witness heard accused speaking in English to S. R. O. Grimmitt after he had been pulled into the flat, and also saw him hand some banknotes to the European officer. He added that he had been in the care of the Revenue officers since accused was arrested, and was watched everytime he ventured out. Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, witness said that accused only had one friend who visited him occasionally, but that person never stayed long. That was the person who had gone to the floor about 10.30 a.m. on October 30.

Chinese Revenue Officer 75, Man Mui, also stated he saw accused hand

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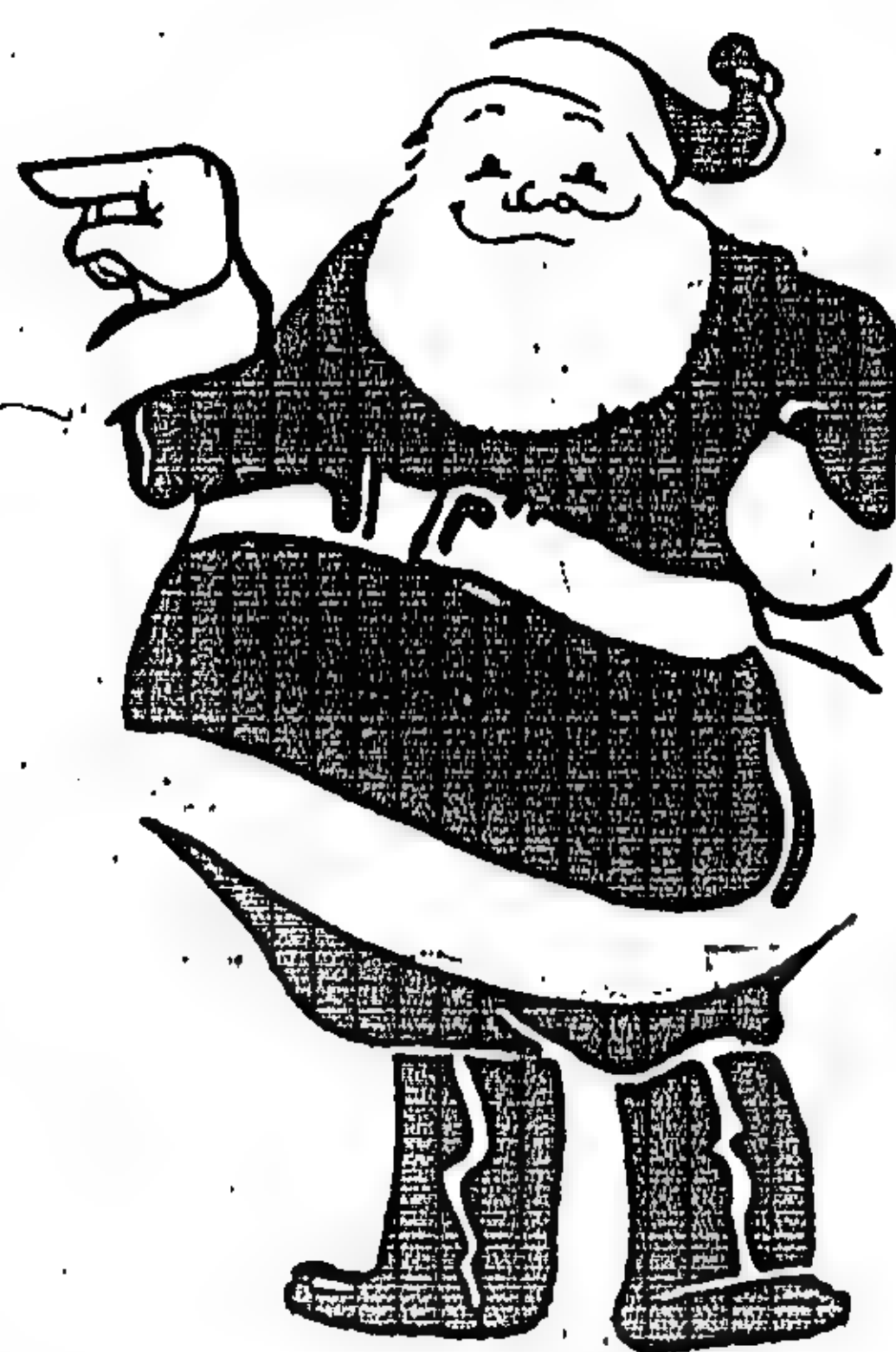
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money to S. R. O. Grimmitt.
Mr. Taylor testified as to the contents of the bottles and packages. He said that all the materials found in the flat were necessary ingredients in the manufacturing of heroin pills. The bottle of brown powder found in the chest of drawers contained cocaine.

After Tang Kong-ying, police interpreter, has read accused's statement made at the time he was charged, Mr. Whyatt intimated that the Crown case had closed.

ACCUSED'S EVIDENCE

When the case was resumed in the afternoon, defendant gave evidence. He said he arrived in Hongkong in May to do business in an appetising sort of sauce for soup. Business here was slack, and defendant intended to return to Shanghai when the war broke out. During his stay in Hongkong, he had lived at No. 304 Jaffe Road, which had been rented by the friend, Li King-ming, who returned to Shanghai on September 21, leaving defendant in charge of the floor.

Defendant engaged Chung Lam on October 30. He always had his tin in at home, but was mostly out during the evenings. All the property in the flat belonged to Li, with the exception of two suitcases. Defendant made use of the safe as Li had left the key with him. He had no idea what the articles found on top of the chest of drawers were for, and did not know about the sliding panels of the suite.

He denied having said he would give \$100 to S. R. O. Grimmitt. What he really said was that he would produce the wallet for the officer to look at, as it was going to be a defendant. Asked to repeat what he had said in English, defendant said, "Don't strike! I can take out to let you see." He had counted the wad of notes before handing them to the officer as he wanted to know how much he was handing over. He had also intended to show S. R. O. Grimmitt the rest of the money when the wallet was taken from him. Defendant declared he had never attempted to bribe the European revenue officer.

Addressed by Mr. Whyatt, defendant said he had brought \$2,000 with him when he came to Hongkong. He still had over \$1,000 when he was arrested. There was nearly \$400 in the wallet on October 30, \$200 of which defendant usually carried about with him, and the rest had been won the night before at gambling. During his stay in the flat, he had not noticed Li using the articles found.

In conclusion, Mr. Whyatt said the Crown suggestion was that accused was a wholesale dealer in dangerous drugs, and in attempting to offer a

bribe of \$85 to S. R. O. Grimmitt, he had tackled the wrong man.

DEFENCE SUBMISSIONS

Mr. D'Almada, for the defence, said that though defendant was in control of the flat, the jury, before they could find him guilty, had to ask themselves, in accordance with the law, whether the Crown had proved the guilt of accused on both the charges beyond reasonable doubt. A principle of English law was that the onus of proof lay with the Crown and it was not up to accused to prove his innocence.

There had been no suggestion in the evidence that accused had sought secrecy. Chung Lam had not stated that he had been told to look out for strangers or sworn to silence. Accused, in fact, did not even possess his own key to the house, but rang the bell like any other person. No evidence had been offered by the Crown to connect accused with the drug by the handling of it. The jury, counsel contended, were not to say that the evidence offered by the Crown was consistent with guilt and not with innocence.

Counsel further suggested that it was natural for accused to look surprised when he found a total stranger opening the door to him on his return to the flat. He also suggested that S. R. O. Grimmitt was mistaken as to what happened in the flat that afternoon. There was also no corroboration that accused had attempted to grab the money back.

In the course of his summing up, his Lordship pointed out that accused, in his counsel, had denied that the bottle of cocaine was in the top drawer. If the jury came to the conclusion that accused knew the bottle was there, it was rather difficult to believe that anyone could change his undergarments which he took from the drawer, where the bottle was, without being aware of it.

Referring to the evidence of the handing over of the money, his Lordship said that if S. R. O. Grimmitt's evidence was true, and if his recollection could be relied on, why should an innocent man say at once when he was seized, "Please let me go. I will give you \$100?" Defendant himself had told a different story by saying he was only showing the money to S. R. O. Grimmitt.

Until accused had gone into the witness box, his Lordship said, he himself and probably the jury had thought it was common ground that accused had the wallet in his right hip pocket. In the witness stand, however, accused said he took the wallet from his right inner jacket pocket. If accused's story was true, he could not see why S. R. O. Grimmitt should bring such a charge against him. If the jury were satisfied that accused had deliberately given a bribe to the revenue officer, they had to set themselves a difficult task, that of reconciling the giving of the bribe with the first charge.

The jury, without retiring, returned a unanimous verdict of guilty on the first count, and a majority verdict of 5-2 of guilty on the second count.

JUDGE SATISFIED

Addressing accused, his Lordship said: "Chau, take care, you have been found guilty of the offences, and I am quite satisfied, as I have seen and I have heard, that you have for some time at least been actively engaged in this worst of all traffic on a very large scale. When I find people being at such pains as to have made and prepare their own furniture to act as secret hiding places for drugs, I must treat it as a very serious and a very deliberate offence. Your wickedness does not end

CHINESE TEACHER ABROAD

Back In London After
Tour Of Europe

London, Dec. 15.

Dr. Chang Peng-chun, of Nankai University, has returned to London after extensive travel on the continent since the Brussels Conference.

Interviewed by Reuter, he said he spent some time in Moscow and believed the elections were likely to have a profound effect in Russia. The Russian people in no way regarded them in the same light as others abroad and, on the contrary, considered the elections as an opportunity to demonstrate the unity of the Russian people which, he believed, would tend to neutralise the recent purge movements and not improbably put an end to them.

The rank and file of the Red Army was absolutely sound and the Kremlin was watching the Far East very closely, particularly the British attitude, with whom undoubtedly the Soviet would be ready to co-operate in any action.

Discussing his stay in Berlin, Dr. Chang emphasised that the German Government still refused to recognise Manchukuo, despite pressure by Nazi extremists. Financial and business circles were undoubtedly anxious about German interests in China.

Contrary to the general impression, he was convinced that Germany's policy in the Far East would be to support Great Britain which ever way she went.

Dr. Chang welcomed the creation of a puppet government in Peiping "for the whole of China," since the use of this title indicated that Japan was obliged to recognise the unity of the Chinese people and disclosed to the world her ambitions to control not only the north but all of China.

Dr. Chang will remain in London for two or three weeks and then probably go to America.—Reuter.

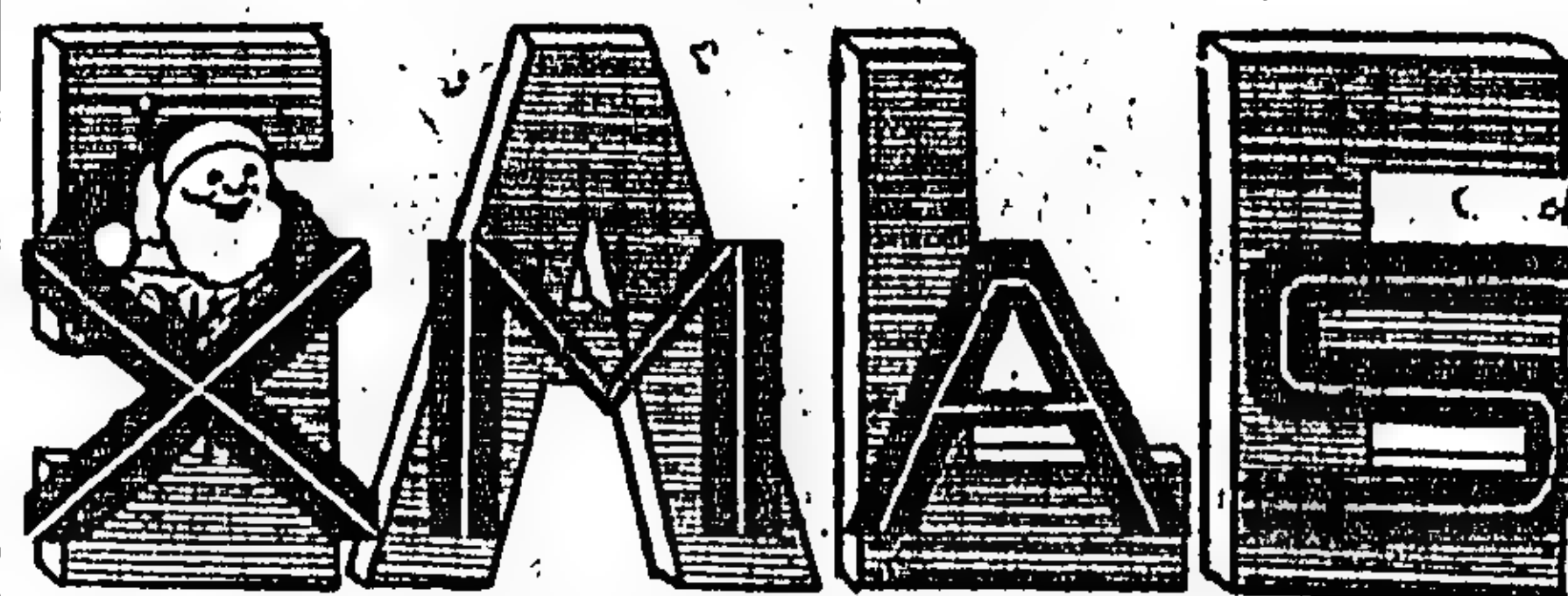
CHEN ARRIVES

Berlin, Dec. 16.

Mr. Chen Kung-po, Chinese Minister, has arrived from the continent. At present he has no statements to make to the press. He will see Mr. Anthony Eden shortly.—Reuter.

there because, having been caught, you committed one of the very few offences which is just as serious, that of trying to tempt a public official from his duties. I am going to pass a longer sentence on you, but I think you deserve every minute of it. On the first count, you will go to prison with hard labour for six years, and on the second count, you will go to prison with hard labour for 18 months, to be consecutive to the other."

His Lordship thanked the jury for their attendance, and ordered that the \$85 be confiscated and paid into the Treasury funds, and that the rest of the paraphernalia seized be also confiscated.



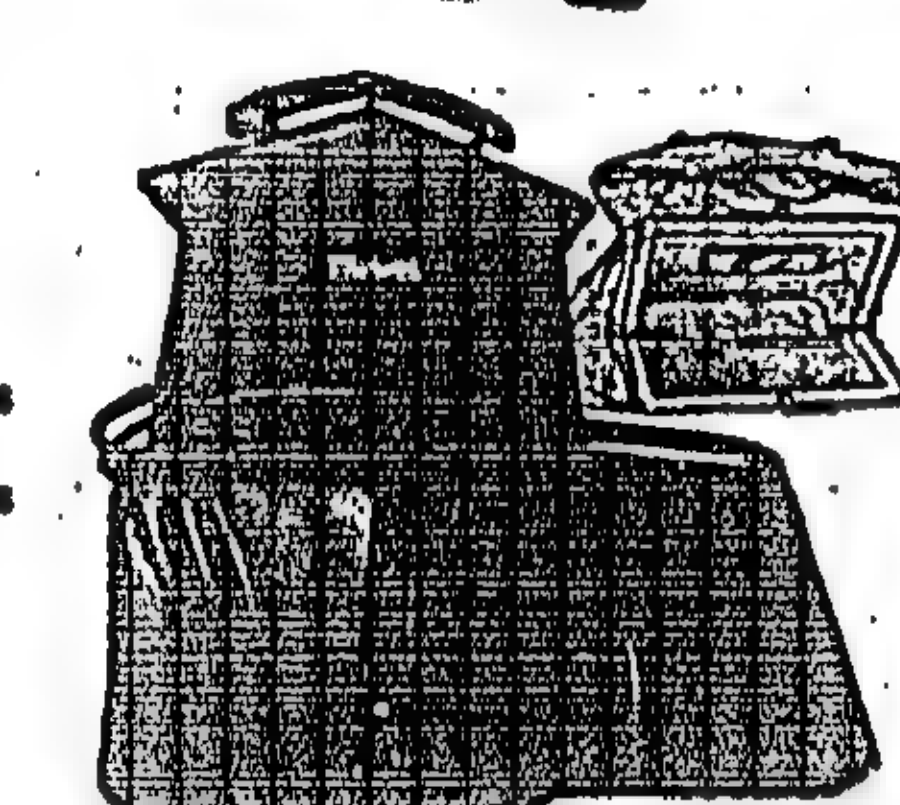
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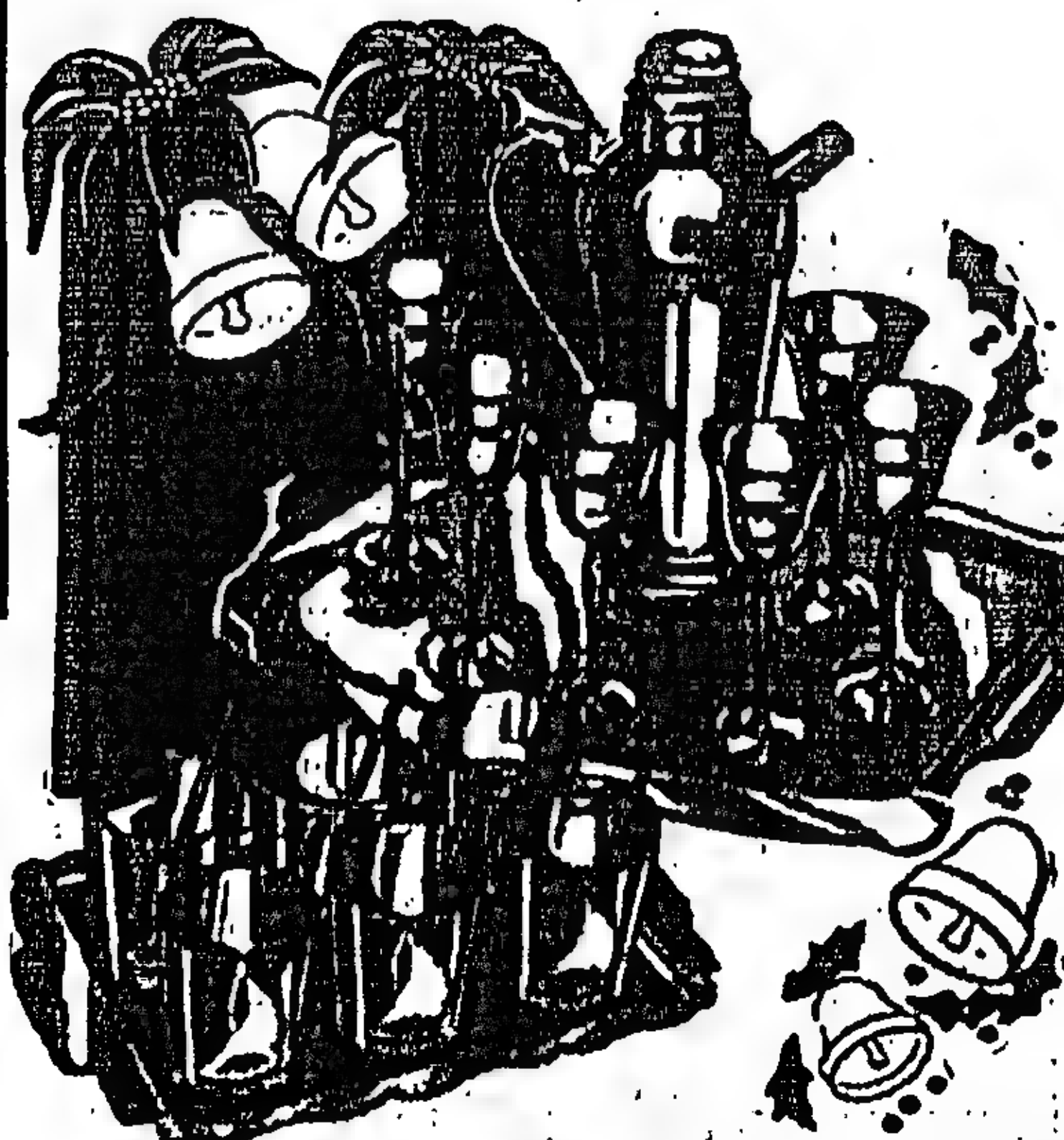
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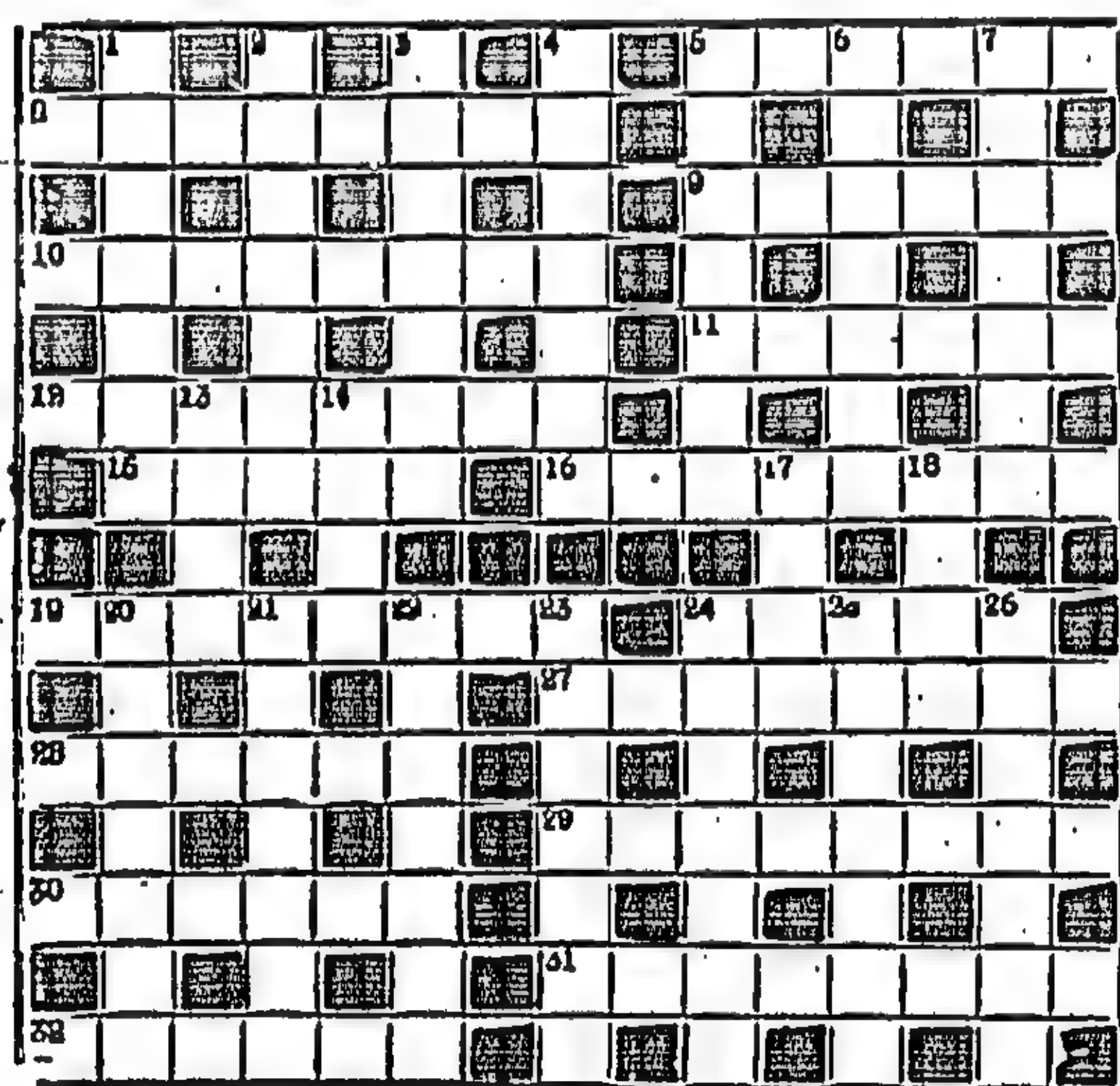
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- 3 Hidden (5).
- 4 State sounding like a light-weight (8).
- 5 The right man to deliver the goods (6).
- 6 He may advise a magistrate (8).
- 7 Form of shade the shadow of the departed were thought to inhabit (8).
- 8 Undignified proceeding, this (8).
- 9 No epithet for the copyist (8).
- 10 Koon arrangement of musical instruments (8).
- 11 Joyous pandemonium marks its end (8).
- 12 A master production in the growing style (8).
- 13 Riches have a certain end (8).
- 14 It is our privilege to put an end to indulgence (8).
- 15 A frank quality in character (8).
- 16 Initially withheld, but entirely out (8).

DOWN

- 1 Stain with black stuff at first (7).
- 2 Bereaved but again consoled at last (7).
- 3 As for this animal there is one in a spot in Hampshire (7).
- 4 Something to be made up (7).
- 5 His intentions may be sinister or merely mathematical (7).
- 6 Save with final purpose (7).
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Don't Play Cards With Strangers

"LOOK here, it's all wrong," cried the tenderfoot in the Far West mining-camp. "The dealer has dealt himself all four aces."

"W-e-l-l," drawled one of the other players, "it's his deal, ain't it?" Things are not done quite so crudely among more civilised gamblers. It is a common trick, however, for a pack of apparently new cards to be "readed" as a preliminary to fleecing some tender young lamb, and there are various ways of doing this.

Sometimes the high cards are "shaved" with a razor blade, an imperceptibly thin silver being cut from the sides. In dealing, the clever and sensitive fingers of the sharper can detect the kings and aces thus prepared, which gives him a good idea of the honours in his victim's hand.

Sometimes the high cards are a more elaborate and more accurate method of finding out where each card is, and the value, consists in tampering with the design on the back. A tiny spot of shading, done with a fine pen and Indian ink, will enable each card to be easily identified.

Tell-Tale Dots

This was the trick employed by a sharper who robbed a Cambridge undergraduate of large sums of money every back in the early years of the present century.

The undergraduate was more wideawake than anybody thought, and gave the swindler into custody. He was tried at the Assizes, and the prepared pack was brought into Court, the cheated undergraduate, more alert than many of his tribe, having had the presence of mind to collar it. On the back was a design of cyclists. An almost invisible speck of ink, according to its position on the figures, told the sharper the value of the card. He was thus able to tell every card his hand-capped opponent held. The reward of his labour and ingenuity was six months imprisonment.

The swindler using this method of helping "Lady Luck" to make up her

mind which side to be on has to have particularly keen eyesight. However, there was one cardsharp "working" the ocean liners who protected his apparently weak eyes with a pair of dark glasses. In spite of this disability he had marvellous good fortune, and he and his confederates relieved those who sat in the game with them of very large sums.

Their method was novel and ingenious. Every card was marked with a small spot of luminous paint. Of course, this was quite invisible in the light; but it showed up brightly to the swindler with the dark specs.

Feeling his Way

Some sharpers play with an unmarked pack, but have their ways of assisting fortune in the game goes on. The famous, or infamous, Lord de Ros was one of these. He would make a small nick in the back of the high cards with his finger-nail. With his peculiar nicety of touch, he would recognise the cards he had so distinguished as play progressed; and it was noticed, that he always dealt with some amount of deliberation. While he was dealing he was feeling for the marks he had previously made.

Lord de Ros's uncanny luck aroused suspicion, and for a long time, in the Gresham Club, and wherever else he played, he was watched. A last those who had his lordship under surveillance got the evidence they wanted, and he was denounced. He had the spirit to bring an action for slander against his accusers, but the jury found for the defendants. This was the end of Lord de Ros. He disappeared from London society.

An extraordinary story was told about a Spanish gambler well known in "fast" circles in London. According to this history, the Don had the brilliant idea of fleecing the enor-

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Helpful Mirrors

Let us return to authenticated facts. There are mechanical devices for assisting fortune known to some sharpers. There is, for instance, a tiny sort of shelf for fitting to the underside of the table. This is to hold an ace or king until the proper time comes for revealing it. If one of the players carelessly places his pipe by his side it is time for the other gamblers to look out. It may be a pipe that is more than a pipe, and have a little round mirror in the bowl. By means of this the owner can see the reflection of each card as he deals it, when the deal comes round to him.

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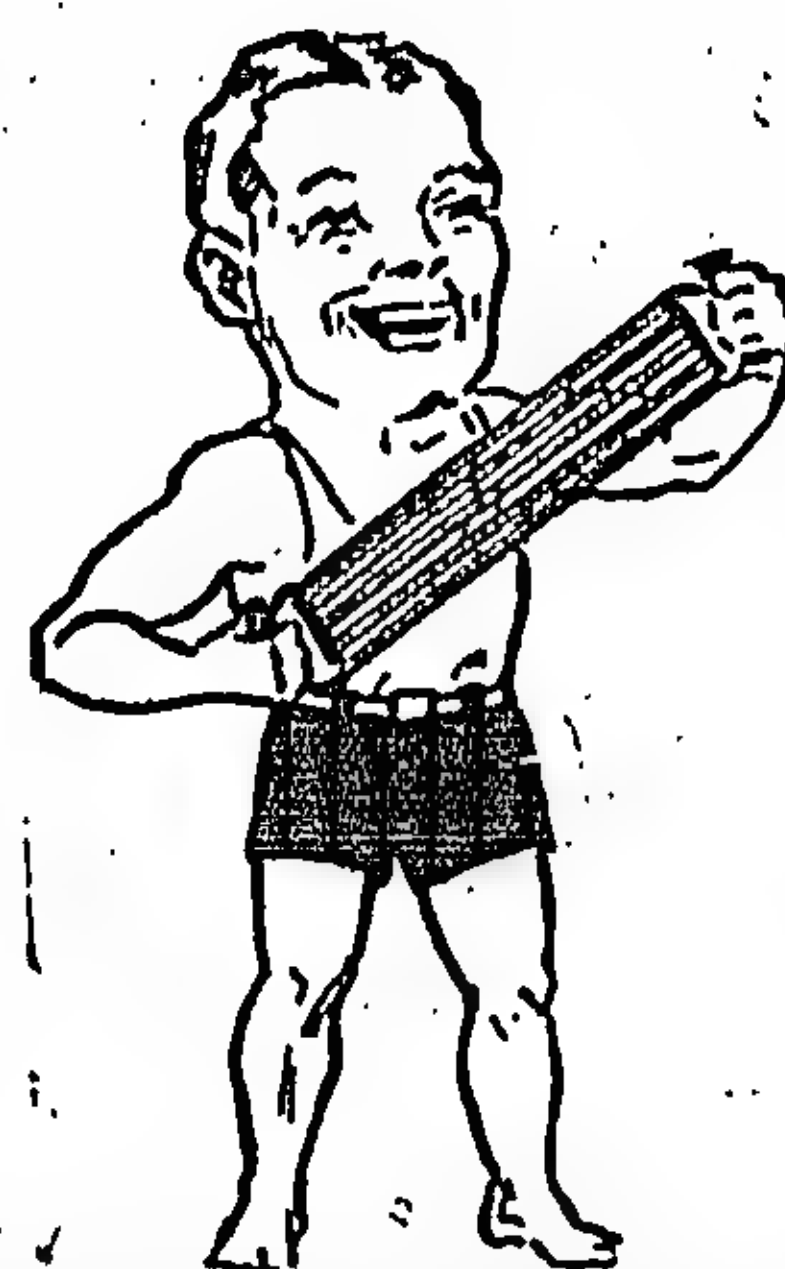
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Hiyo Maru Sat., 22nd Jan. (1938)

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Hiyo Maru Fri., 31st Dec.
Hiyo Maru Mon., 24th Jan. (1938)

South America (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

Bokuyo Maru Thurs., 16th Dec.
Bokuyo Maru Wed., 12th Jan. (1938)

London, Marseilles, Antwerp & Rotterdam.

Katori Maru Sat., 18th Dec.
Katori Maru Sat., 1st Jan. (1938)

Yasukuni Maru Fri., 14th Jan. (1938)

Liverpool via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus,

and Marseilles.

Hiyo Maru Mon., 10th Jan. (1938)

Sydney & Melbourne via Manila & Ports.

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Bombay via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

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NEWS IN PHOTOGRAPHS



Official announcement from a Vatican City stated that Pope Pius has created five Cardinals of the Catholic Church. Above are three of them. Left to right: Arthur Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, England; Giuseppe Pizzardo, Archbishop of Nicea and Vatican Ecclesiastical Secretary; and Giovanni Piazzi, Patriarch of Venice, who have been presented with red hats.



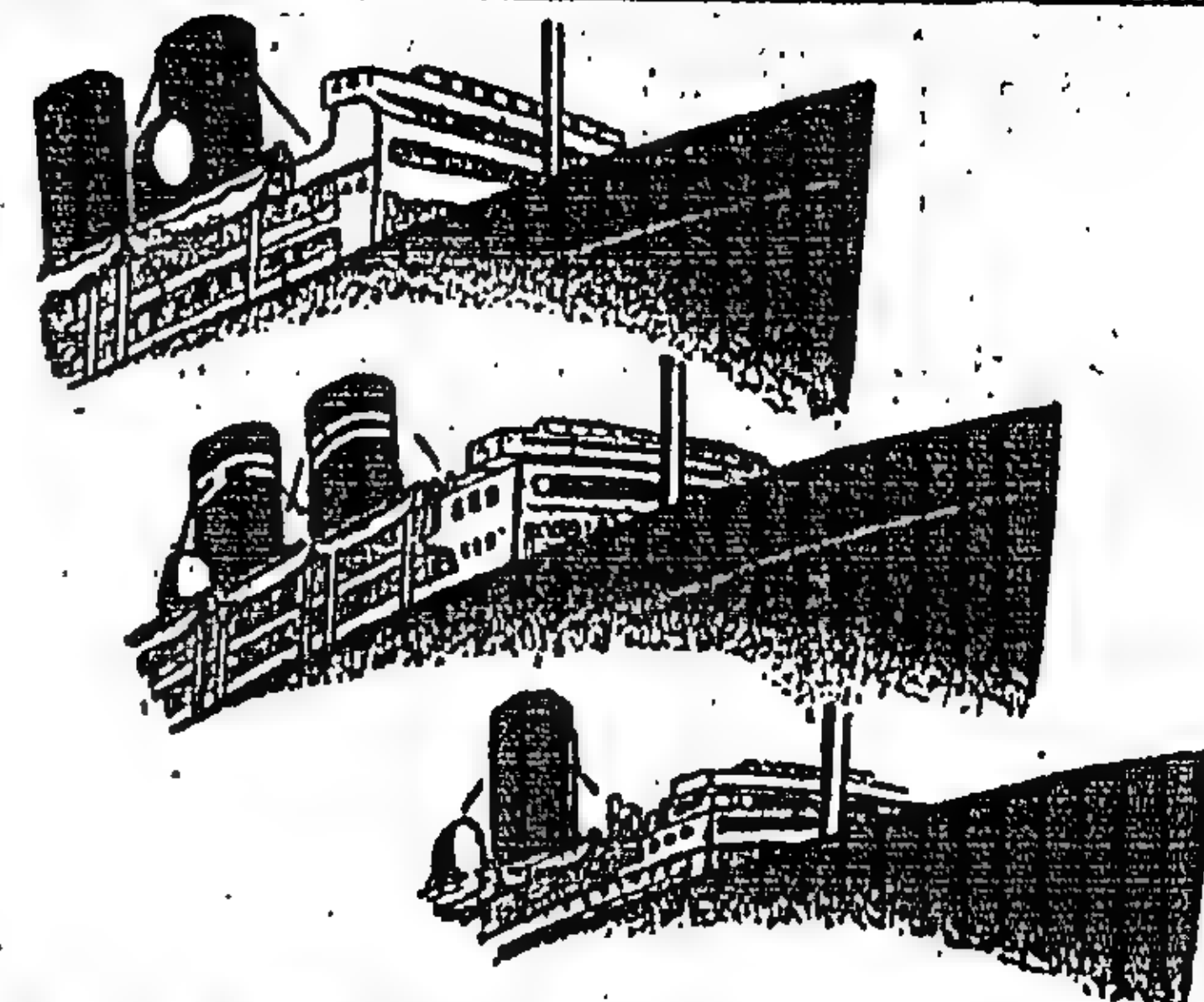
In centre is Dr. Heinrich Himmler, chief of the German secret police, as he made a friendly visit to Rome, recently, to return the visit of Senatore Arturo Bocchini, right, chief of the Italian police. Left, German Ambassador Ulrich von Hassel.



Best dog-gone cavaleros in all "May-he-co" are three star polo players from Mexico playing in a series at the Midwick Club, Alhambra, Cal., for the Eric Pedley trophy. This interesting action picture shows Major Juan Garcia at left, with Major Francisco Medina, working out on the field. The games were scheduled in a series of three.



Ruby Keeler, film star and wife of Al Jolson, enjoys a vacation with her son Albert, Jr., 3½ years old, at Palm Springs, famous California desert rendezvous for screen celebrities.



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*KIDDERPORE	5,000	15th Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & Persian Gulf.
CORFU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	8,100	29th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, L'don, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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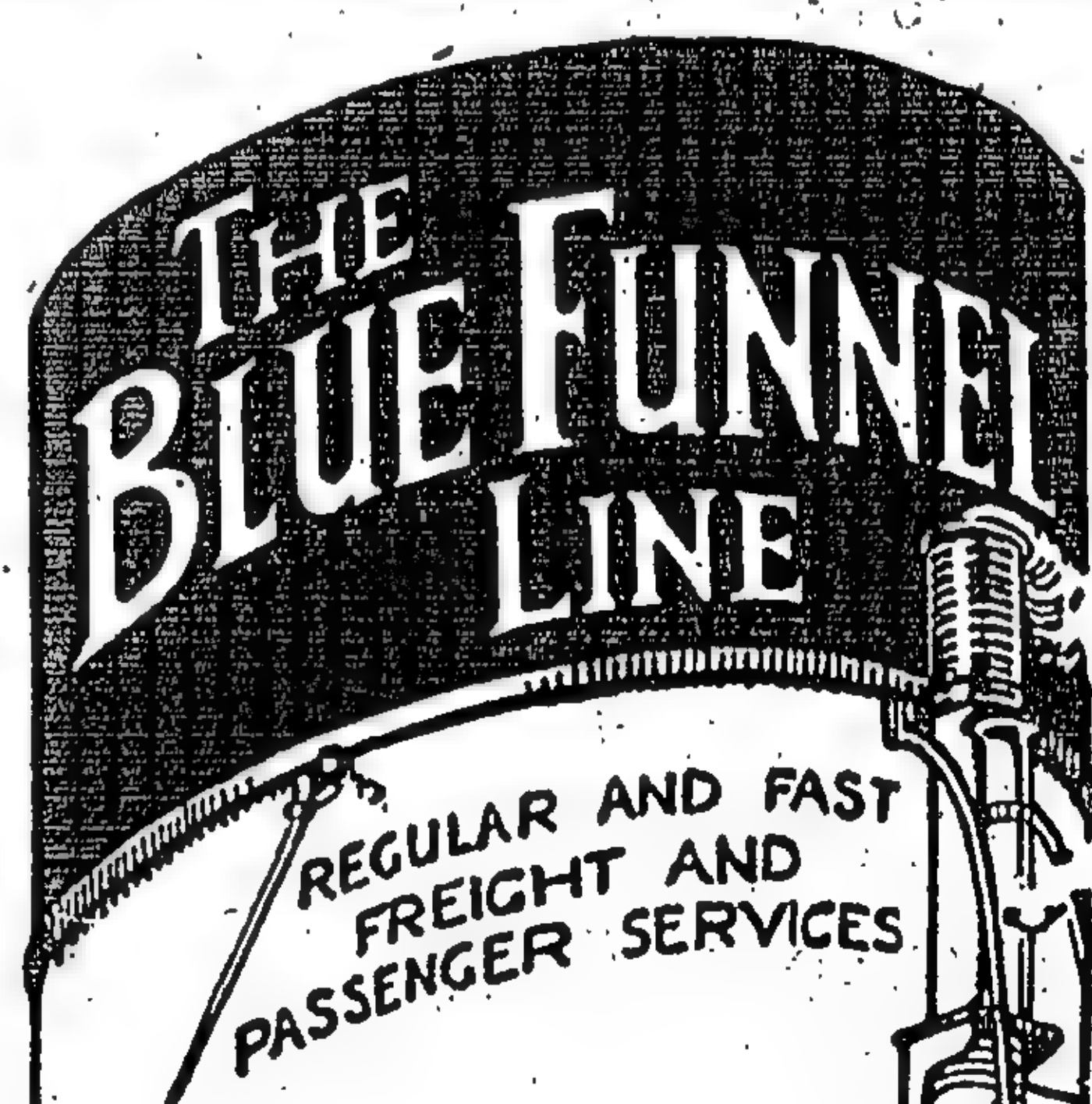
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NELLORE	7,000	2nd Jan.	Japan.
SHIRALA	8,000	6th Jan.	Amoy & Japan.
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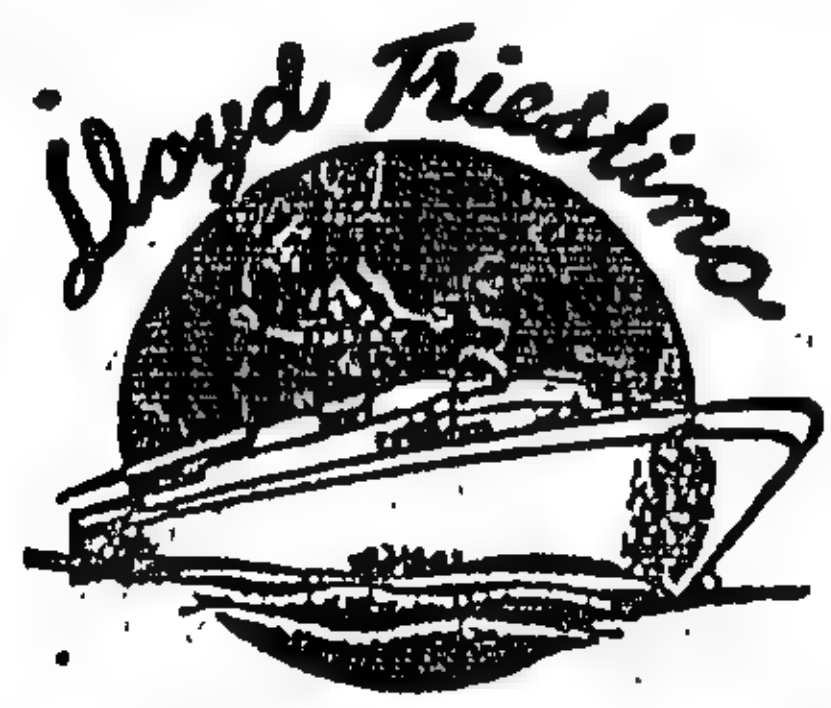
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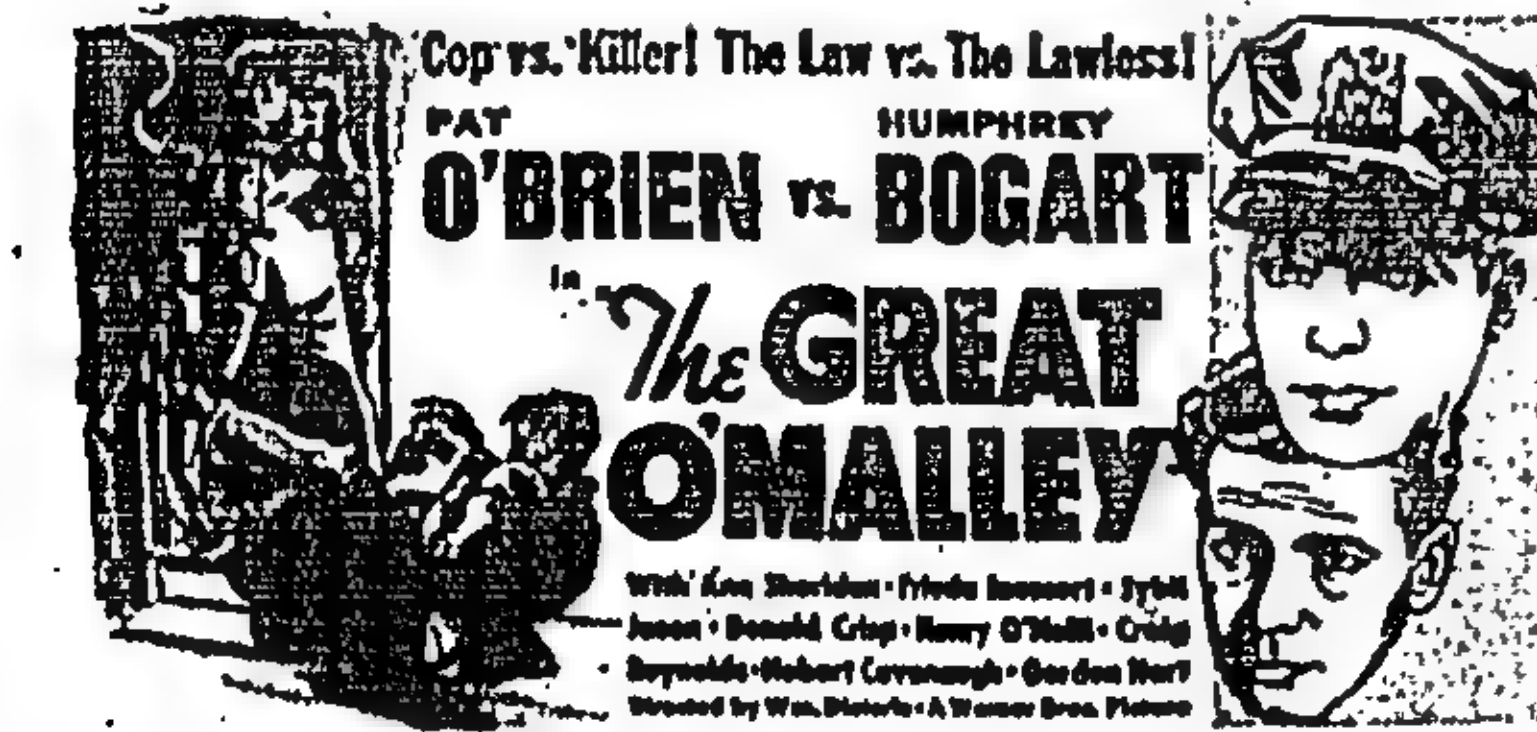
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"Hullo Hongkong" is the title of a revue to be staged by local amateur players at the China Fleet Club on Wednesday next. This picture shows members of the cast during a rehearsal this week. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

BRITAIN MAY SEND WARSHIPS TO EAST

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bombing, concerning which official anger is steadily growing.

It is believed that official substantiation of the eye-witnesses alleged report that Japanese naval craft joined in attacking the Panay will result in an even stiffer attitude. Officials have indicated privately that they are inclined to accept on face value the Tokyo civil government's pleas that the affair was an accident, blunder and so forth. However, they frankly suspect that the intention of the Japanese military and naval authorities in China was something different.—United Press.

Situation Becomes More Serious

Washington, Dec. 16.

Official reports have confirmed that Japanese vessels machine-gunned the U.S.S. Panay after she had been bombed by Japanese aircraft, announced Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary for State, to-day.

He added that this information, which made the incident more serious than at first appeared, would be transmitted to the Japanese Foreign Office in the form of representations to supplement the facts already set out in the formal note of protest against the bombing.

State Department officials further assert that it is confirmed that while the Panay survivors were escaping in small boats, Japanese aeroplanes dived and machine-gunned them from low altitudes, wounding two of them. Also that before the Panay sank, some Japanese boarded the vessel for five minutes, although the United States colours were flying and were easily discernible.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TRY TO PLACATE AMERICA

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ing of the U.S.S. Panay, the Japanese Navy has recalled Rear-Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, chief of the aerial operations, says a semi-official Japanese statement, which adds that the officer will be relieved of his post.—Reuter.

REPLY MUST BE AWAITED

London, Dec. 16.

The recalling of Vice-Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, and the semi-official announcement that he is to be relieved of his post as Japanese naval commander on the Yangtze, is regarded in London as a hopeful sign in the right direction, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

At the same time it is not possible to say how far this action will go towards meeting the British demands. The reply to the British Note as a whole must be awaited.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio: Willandra, Helina, Kitano Maru, Bokuyo Maru, Tiacunhong, Behar, Empress of Canada, Cornish City, Minoo Maru, Shinkyo Maru, President Pierce, Ferncastle, President Hoover, Tasman, Kwangtung, Seachuen, President McKinley and Anshun.

CUBA TO GIVE LAND TO POOR

Havana, Dec. 16.

The Cuban Government has decided to distribute unoccupied Government land to 60,000 poor families, each of which will be given 33 acres.

This is part of a three-year economic plan and will make an acceptable Christmas present to the poor, as they will be allowed to occupy the land immediately.—Reuter.

FRENCH WORKERS ACCEPT LONGER HOURS OF LABOUR

Paris, Dec. 16.

Exceptional extensions of the 40-hour week system in trades and industries working for national defence with a view to overcoming delays in delivery, have been unanimously agreed to by employers and workers delegations.—Reuter.

FRENCH VISITOR

The French sloop Dumont d'Urville arrived in harbour this morning and saluted the Admiral's flag, H.M.S. Cumberland replying.

STOP PRESS NEWS

AMBASSADOR RECALLED

Rome, Dec. 17.

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Liu Wan-tao has left for China at the behest of the Chinese Government. It is understood his recall is for "informative purposes" and is without political significance.—Reuter.

MACHINE-GUN ATTACKS ON PANAY DENIED

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

The Japanese military and naval authorities emphatically deny as inconsistent with facts the reports that before the Panay sank she was machine-gunned by Japanese in two motor-boats. The survivors of the Panay report that the Japanese boarded the vessels shortly before she went down.

The Japanese maintain there were no Japanese naval or military craft near the Panay when she was bombed.—Reuter.

FRANCE PLEASED WITH NOTE

Paris, Dec. 16.

The tone of the British Note to Tokyo has pleased observers here who are glad to find it more energetic than they expected.

It is felt the tone of the Note cannot fail to impress the Japanese that they should be careful not to try the British patience too far.—Reuter.

FLIGHT ENDS ABRUPTLY

Rome, Dec. 16.

The Italian aviator, Mario Stoppani, left Sardinia on a non-stop flight to Buenos Aires, this being the first of a series of flights Signor Mussolini has ordered in view of the institution of an air service between Italy and Latin America.—Reuter.

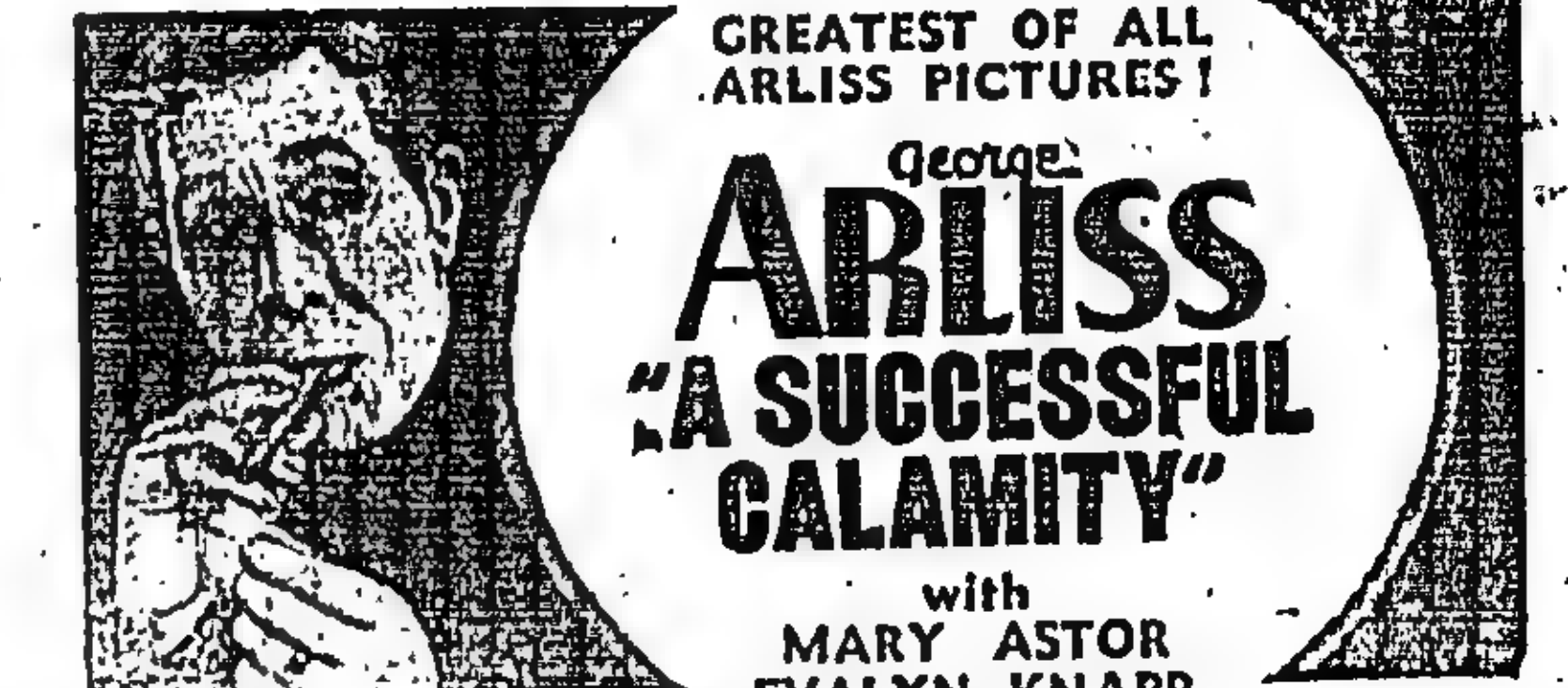
Bad Weather Stops Flight

Marseilles, Dec. 16.

Mario Stoppani, the Italian aviator, made a forced landing off the Algerian coast at 3.50 p.m. to-day owing to bad weather according to a wireless message from Casablanca.—Reuter.

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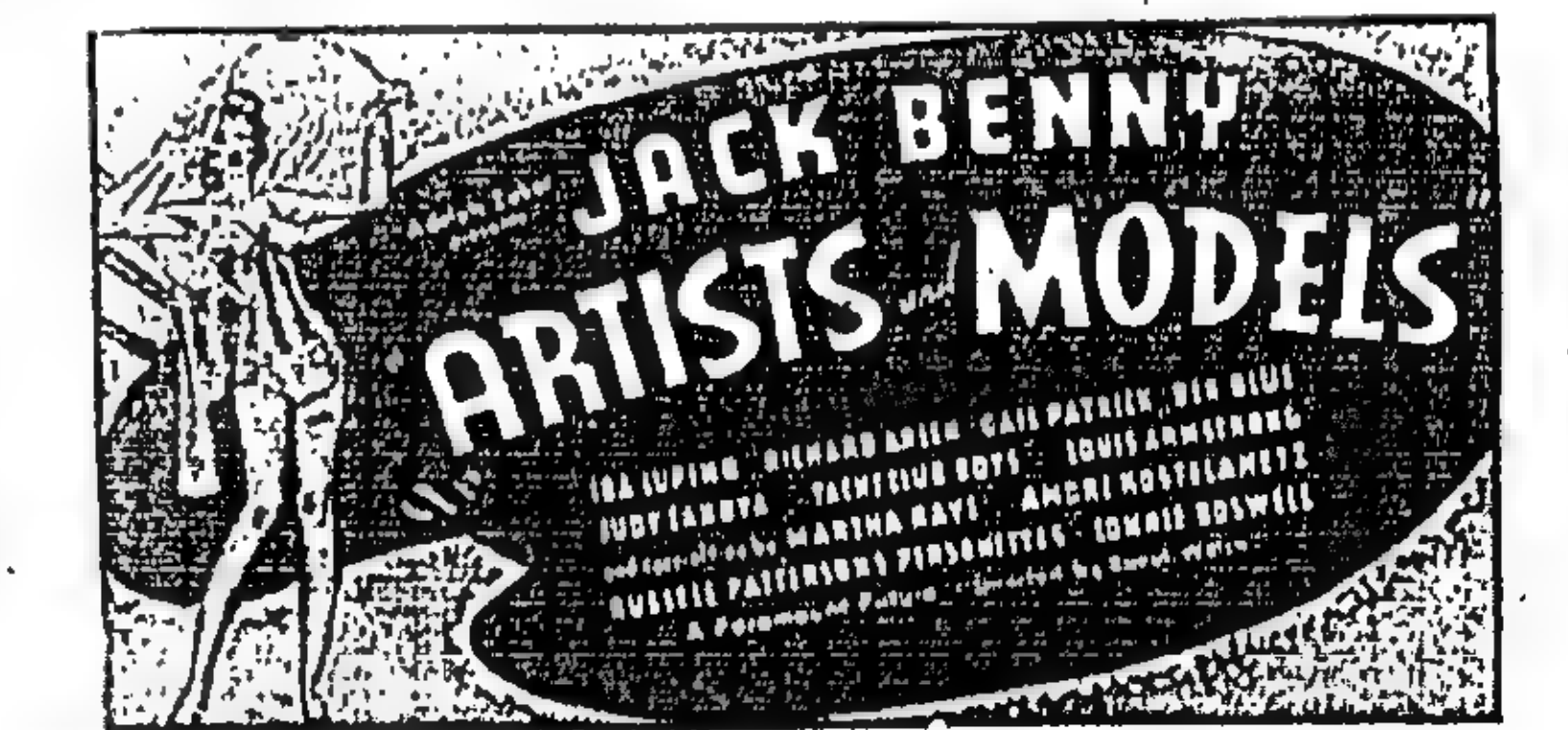
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RAJA ABDICATES IN FAVOUR OF HIS SON

London, Dec. 16.

The following communique was issued recently at New Delhi: "Owing to failing health and advancing years, Lieutenant Raja Shrimant Sir Venkatarao Venkatarao Raja Ghorpade, alias Nanasaheb, Raja of Mudhol (Deccan States Agency) has expressed his desire to be relieved of the burdens of his office."

"He has, therefore, with the approval of His Excellency the Crown representative been permitted to abdicate in favour of his only son and heir Shrimant Bhairavsinh. His Majesty has approved of the retention by the ex-Raja of a salute of nine guns, as a personal distinction."

The ex-Raja of Mudhol is 63 years old. He succeeded to the "gadi" in 1900 when he was a minor. He was

SEVERN RIVER MAY BE BRIDGED

A deputation, representing 21 local authorities, has presented a petition to the Minister for Transport for the construction of a bridge across the River Severn.

The plan for the bridge submitted, contains 50 spans, with a 30 foot railway track and motor road, and two six-foot footpaths. The bridge would have a 120 foot clearance and its construction would save 52 miles on the circuitous route from Gardiff to Bristol.—Reuter.

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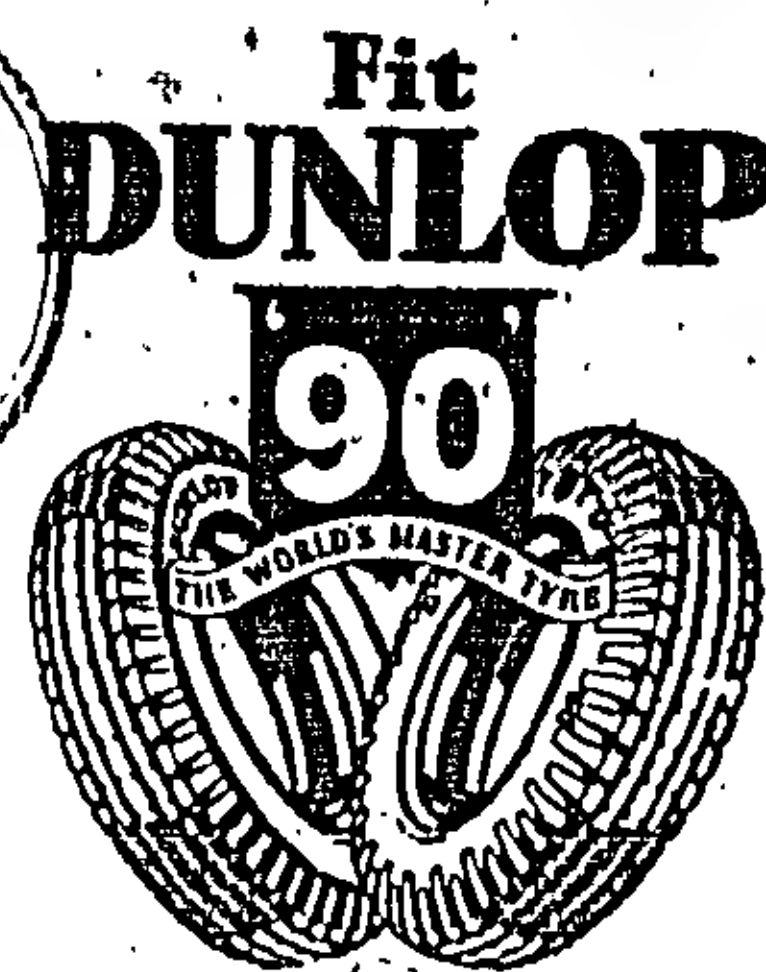
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HONGKONG PREPARES FOR EMERGENCY

Observation Posts Along Frontier

JAPANESE TRANSPORTS LOADING IN S'HAH MAY HEAD FOR SOUTH

It is learned from the military authorities that five observation posts are being erected immediately on the Colony's New Territory frontier to cover crossings into Chinese territory.

The posts will not be armed or manned at present and are nothing more than precautionary constructions. One will be at Lokmachau and another at the site of the Canton-New Territories link road in Sumchun area.

This latter will be a blockhouse manned by police to prevent indiscriminate or unauthorised use. The bridge will shortly be completed.

The Rajput Rifles, who have been encamped in the New Territories for some weeks on routine exercise, are returning to-morrow. In the event of emergency, these troops would be called upon for frontier work. No arrangement for their return to India has been made and probably will remain in the Colony until the next Battalion, which is normally furnished from India, arrives.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
Thousands of Japanese troops have boarded transports here for an undisclosed destination, believed to be either Nanking or South China.

Likely To Extend Campaign

The belief that Hankow will be the next point of attack by the Japanese is expressed in despatches received here. It is reported that preparations are being made by the Japanese for a further advance along the Peiping-Hankow railway.

A despatch issued through Chinese sources stated that an attack on Hankow would probably begin about the end of the month. The same message stated that it was more likely the Japanese would also attempt to seize the Canton-Hankow railway by landing a large army somewhere in South China, indicating that new events are brewing in the Shanghai and Nanking area during the past four months.

One theory is that although the Japanese hitherto have concentrated on one front at a time, they may now seek to launch several simultaneous attacks in various parts of the country. The Japanese evidently believe this is possible because they do not expect to find such strenuous resistance as encountered in the Shanghai and Nanking area during the past four months.

Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsu, seems to come into the field of the Japanese military vision judging by the reported air raids there, but tactical problems facing the Japanese are more complex than ever due to the vast areas to be covered and the great length of front.

Hankow Fearful

An atmosphere of tense expectancy prevails here as the next Japanese initiative is awaited.

The continual roaring overhead of the newly-arrived Russian planes, as well as the knowledge that the city is strongly defended by anti-aircraft batteries, appears to have given the Chinese a feeling of confidence. Nevertheless, Japanese air raids are expected at any moment and dug-outs are being rushed in readiness for emergencies.

Meanwhile, Chinese officials here show no sign of weakening in their determination to continue resistance and it is evident that despite the loss of Nanking and the huge casualties suffered by the Chinese army China still possesses considerable resources for a prolonged struggle.

The foreign population here is estimated to be 1,500 of whom about 600 are British, including a number of women and children.

Australian Ship Sold To Japan

The steamer Willandra, which was recently employed on an Australian-Hongkong cargo service has been sold, it is understood, to Japanese interests, and is believed to be already en route to Kobe from Australia.

The Willandra, which is of 5,428 tons gross, was owned by Messrs. William Crosby & Co. Pty. Ltd., Sydney. It is understood that the purchaser was Y. Saito, of Kobe, who has taken several vessels for scrapping purposes.

STOP PRESS

APPLAUDS NAVAL GESTURE

The Evening Star in an editorial says that although Mr. Cordell Hull has let it be known that the United States is not considering naval measures in the Orient, the United States learns with widespread gratification "that thought is given to the possible advisability of advancing the date of the impending manoeuvres of the Fleet. It is a salutary suggestion."

The newspaper recalled that today was the 30th anniversary of President Theodore Roosevelt's despatch of the American navy round the world and added that the projected change in the manoeuvres plans, even though tentative, would be a gesture for peace and not a threat of war. "It would merit that character despite its origin at a moment which finds the American people legitimately aroused over the flagrant violation of our rights in China. To the idea of starting fleet manoeuvres 'a little earlier than planned' no reasonable objection can be made here or abroad, though it is probably too much to expect the peace-at-any-price busybodies to approve of such a programme."

(Further Stop Press News on Page 14.)

BRITISH ANXIETY GROWING

**Fear Of Attack
On Canton
More War Ships
May Be Sent**

London, Dec. 16.
The Foreign Office has instructed Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Tokyo, to demand full and prompt attention to the British protest regarding the Yangtze river bombings. At the same time the Government is considering the advisability of reinforcing the naval squadron on the China Station.

Meanwhile reports of a planned attack on Canton are causing increased anxiety, and according to one report Britain will follow suit if the United States sends naval reinforcements to China.

It is also reported, though not confirmed, that four battleships may be ordered to Singapore, with several cruisers, destroyers or submarines in company. In any event the new cruiser H.M.S. Birmingham is due to leave for Hongkong shortly.

Meanwhile the programme for strengthening defences in Hongkong is being rushed, including the construction of new forts and bombs and air raid shelters.

U.S. Keeping Step

Washington, Dec. 16.
Official reports, which are said to describe the deliberate nature of the Japanese attack on the U.S.S. Panny and the machine-gunning of the survivors, and which are flowing in to the State Department, will ensure the United States continuing to keep step with Britain in connection with the Far Eastern crisis, it is considered here.

Diplomatic quarters suggest that the Japanese policy after these grave happenings will be to concentrate on breaking up the Anglo-American community of interests if possible.

Attacks Deliberate

Washington, Dec. 16.
Mr. Cordell Hull announced that American officials aboard the Panny confirmed that Japanese surface craft machine-gunned the American gunboat after planes had bombed her. He said their reports had been forwarded.

(Continued on Page 4.)

London To Pay £600,000 For New Airport

London, Dec. 16.
In the House of Commons today it was announced that the London City Council had agreed to buy nearly 1,000 acres of land near Hford, at a cost of £280,000, for a new City of London airport. The total cost of which would be £600,000. The site, which is 12 miles from the city, will be served by electric trains.

Changed Regime For S. China Hinted

JAPANESE TROOPS IN ATTACK



This is what it looks like from behind the sand-bag emplacement where the machine-guns wait to chatter. These Japanese troops have just broken from cover of the demolished brick walls and are charging positions "somewhere in China." Photographers risk their lives to get this sort of action picture.

BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURED In Severe Clash With Arabs

Jerusalem, Dec. 16.
It is reported that British troops clashed with an armed band in the vicinity of Acre and heavy casualties resulted. The bandits are said to have captured several troopers.

Meanwhile a band at the village of Sousamta, near Acre, assassinated the head of the village, Saleh Hassan, and at the village of Samiyeh, shot Ali Saleh.

FRANCO'S LIFE IN DANGER

**Insurgents Declare
Plot Discovered
Loyalists Claim
Successes**

London, Dec. 17.
The Exchange Telegraph reports from Lisbon that the Insurgents have arrested many in connection with a plot to assassinate General Franco and other leaders. The report added that the Insurgents were maintaining the strictest vigilance on all fronts.

SAN SEBASTIAN STREET FIGHTING

Paris, Dec. 17.
Reports have been received here from the Loyalist Ministry of Defence that a Loyalist steel ring has almost surrounded Teul. The eastern army will strike at Teul simultaneously with the north and south armies.

Observers believe that a swift offensive is intended to divert Nationalist attention from the other fronts because it is generally believed that General Franco is nearly ready to drive on Almeria.

In connection with the closing of the frontier at San Sebastian reports state that a broadcasting station, which previously broadcast regularly day and night and had been silent since December 13, confirmed the report that the Carlists and Falangists have been engaged in street fighting at San Sebastian, over the possible restoration of the monarchy. Other reports state that the Carlists and

HONGKONG MAN HELD AS SPY SUSPECT

**Cantonese Arrested
J. J. Richards Two
Weeks Ago**

For nearly a fortnight a British subject, Joseph James Richards of an unknown Hongkong address, has been held in custody by Canton military and police authorities while investigations of alleged espionage activities, of which he is accused, are being pursued.

The news was only learned this morning from the Hongkong Police who, however, are unwilling to furnish any but the bare details.

The Colonial Secretary's Office pleaded ignorance of the whole affair and it is believed that it is awaiting the complete report from Canton before taking action.

Mr. A. P. Blunt, British Consul General in Canton, has been informed of the detention of Richards. It is believed that Richards is accused of having travelled in South China and Canton in Hongkong. One report states he was arrested on a train at Shumchun when returning to Hongkong from Canton.

He is a man of about 40 years of age and was born in Hongkong, it is understood.

GOVERNOR TO SEE "ARCADIANS"

Special interest is attached to tonight's performance of "The Arcadians," by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, in that H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote, with an official party, will attend.

Falangists are fighting the Basques.

—United Press.

LOYALIST SUCCESSES

Paris, Dec. 16.
According to the Agence Espagne, the Loyalists took several positions of great strategic importance north-west from Teul, and captured 213 prisoners including five officers. Many dead were left on the battlefield, including a Lieut-Colonel. An entire battery of artillery with a considerable quantity of smaller equipment, was also captured.

SAILORS ALLEGEDLY RAID BAR

**Women Passengers
On Wrecked Ship
Were Frightened**

**Investigation May
Be Ordered**

Manila, Dec. 17.
Several passengers on the President Hoover, which is stranded on a coral reef off Formosa, reported that about a dozen of the ship's crew raided the bar and later went ashore, after the wreck, acting boisterously, as a result of which a few of the women passengers requested the village police to stand by to forestall possible molestation, which, apparently was not attempted.

A United Press correspondent interviewed a score of passengers when they arrived here, including women, and the consensus of opinion was that a dozen members of the crew were apparently drunk, but the remainder efficiently fulfilled their duties.

BUREAU WILL INVESTIGATE

Washington, Dec. 16.
An official of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation said the Bureau had not been informed officially of the charges that some of the crew of the President Hoover were intoxicated.

If any complaints are received they will be taken up at the same time the Bureau conducts an investigation into the accident, the date for which will be set after the crew returns to the United States.

—United Press.

Ambassador's Daughter Will Serve

New York, Dec. 16.
Miss Hilda Yen, 27 year-old daughter of the former Chinese Ambassador to Russia, Mr. W. W. Yen, who is studying advanced aviation, has announced that she is going to China, either to assist in training aviators or to do child welfare work.

Educated at Smith College, Miss Yen received her pilot's licence on December 1. She is a member of the China National Child Welfare Association and formerly was official hostess at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow.

JAPANESE WARN OF POSSIBLE ENDEAVOUR

**Chiang's Manifesto
Brings Retort
War Far From
Ended**

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

Mr. Shigeru Kawagoe, Japanese Ambassador to China, told Japanese newspapermen to-day that new governments, similar to that in Peiping, may be established in Central and South China.

He said that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek statement (which is published on Page 7 of this edition) indicated that the Sino-Japanese hostilities were far from ended.

Mr. Kawagoe admitted that the German Ambassador to China had taken some steps to mediate in the Sino-Japanese conflict, but that British intervention was "out of the question."

Chinese figures, released here to-day, state that the Japanese have occupied 343,000 square miles of territory in all China since July. The area is twice the size of Japan and equal to Ethiopia. In it reside some 49,000,000 people.

—United Press.

BOMBING INQUIRY STARTS

**Secret Investigation
On U.S.S. Augusta
At Shanghai**

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
A court of inquiry is at present sitting on the U.S.S. Augusta, studying radio reports regarding the Panny bombing, and the court will probably hear the stories of a large number of the survivors shortly after their arrival. The court is empowered to subpoena witnesses if necessary.

The court consists of Captain H. V. McKittrick, Commander of the Augusta, Commander M. L. Deyo, Assistant Chief of Staff, Lieut-Comdr. A. C. J. Sablot, first Lieutenant of U.S.S. Augusta, as well as Lieut. C. J. Whiting, who is Judge-Advocate.

The court is not empowered to administer punishment, but merely to recommend such to Admiral Yarnell in case of culpability, which is believed obviously to be out of the question in the case of the Panny. The court is expected to reach Shanghai at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and will be up half an hour later alongside the Augusta, which will transfer the survivors.

The court of inquiry decided to send Lieut. Whiting down river to meet the convoy at Woosung. He will board the Onu and examine the statements already made by survivors en route and he will decide who shall be called as sworn witnesses before the court.

Technically speaking Commander Hughes of the Panny is a defendant, since any commander who loses his vessel is so considered. Each member of the crew and some of the survivors will be asked whether they saw any blameworthy actions in the course of the incident.

The court's findings will be secret and the decision will be released in Washington if the Navy decides to publish it.

ITALY WITHDRAWS FROM I.L.O.

Rome, Dec. 16.
Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister has notified the International Labour Office at Geneva that Italy is withdrawing its membership.

Knit this After Office—

Materials

9 oz. 3-ply super Shetland wool.
1 pair Knitting Needles, No. 12.
1 pair Knitting Needles, No. 9.
MEASUREMENTS.—All round underarms to fit 32-inch bust.
Length from shoulder to lower edge, 19 inches.
Sleeve seam, 18½ inches.
TENSION.—7 stitches and 9 rows equal 1 inch worked in raised spot pattern, on No. 9 needles.
ABBREVIATIONS.—K, knit; p, purl; sts, stitches; tog, together.

The Back

Using the No. 12 needles, commence at the lower edge by casting on 100 sts.

Row 1: Working into the back of the sts to produce a firm edge, * k.1, p.1. Repeat from * to end of row.
Row 2: * K.1, p.1. Repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat the last row until the work measures 3½ in. from the commencement.

Change to No. 9 needles and continue in the rib until the work measures 6 in. from the commencement. Now work in rib and raised spot pattern as follows:

Row 1: Right side of work. K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1; (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 2: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 3: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 4: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 5: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 6: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 7: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 8: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 9: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 10: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 11: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 12: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 13: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 14: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 15: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 16: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 17: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 18: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 19: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 20: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 21: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 22: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 23: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 24: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 25: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 26: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 27: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 28: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 29: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 30: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 31: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 32: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 33: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 34: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 35: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 36: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 37: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 38: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 39: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, k.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * 6 times more, k.2, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

Row 40: K.1, (p.1, k.1) 17 times, p.30, p.1, (k.1, p.1) 17 times.

JUMPER in Rib and Raised Spot Stitch

The Shoulder.—Row 1: Cast off 7 sts., work in pattern to end of row.

Row 2: Work in pattern to end of row. Repeat these two rows once more. Row 5: Cast off the 7 remaining sts.

Rejoin the wool to the neck edge of the 21 sts. left on spare needle, and work the second shoulder as follows:—

Row 1: Work in pattern to end of row. Row 2: Cast off 7 sts., work in pattern to end of row. Repeat these two rows once more. Row 5: Cast off the 7 remaining sts.

The Front

Work as given for the back until the armhole shapings are completed and 80 sts. remain on the needle.

Next row: Work in pattern on the first 40 sts., slip the remaining 40 sts. on to a spare needle and leave.

Work in pattern on the first 40 sts. until the work measures 4 inches from the commencement of armhole, ending at the front edge.

The Neck.—Row 1: Cast off 7 sts., work in pattern to armhole.

Row 2: Work in pattern to the last 2 sts., k.2 tog. Row 3: K.2 tog., work in pattern to armhole. Repeat the last two rows 5 times more. Work 2 rows without shaping, thus ending at the armhole edge.

The Shoulder.—Row 1: Cast off 7 sts., work in pattern to neck. Row 2: Work in pattern to armhole. Repeat these two rows once more. Row 5: Cast off the 7 remaining sts.

Rejoin the wool to the centre edge of the 40 sts. left on spare needle and work the second side to match the first.

The Sleeves (both alike)

Using the No. 12 needles, commence at the cuff by casting on 60 sts.

Row 1: Working into the back of the sts. to produce a firm edge, * k.1, p.1. Repeat from * to end of row. Row 2: * K.1, p.1. Repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat the last row until the work measures 3 inches from the commencement.

Change to No. 9 needles and

work in raised spot pattern as follows:—

Row 1: Knit. Row 2: Purl. Row 3: * K.3, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left-hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left-hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * to end of row.

Row 4: Purl. Row 5: Knit. Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: * K.1, make a raised spot by knitting the next st, then slip it back on to the left-hand needle again, cast on 4 sts. on left-hand needle, making 5 sts. from the one st, now slip the 4th st. over the 5th st, slip the 3rd st. over the 5th st, then finally slip the 1st st. over the 5th st, thus the 5th st. only remains, knit this st. Repeat from * to end of row.

Row 8: Purl.

These 8 rows form the pattern. Proceed in the pattern until the work measures 6 inches from the commencement, ending with a purl row.

Keeping the continuity of the pattern, increase at both ends of the next row and every following 8th row, until there are 84 sts. on the needle.

Proceed in the pattern without shaping, until the work measures 10½ inches from the commencement, or the desired length.

The Top.—Row 1: Cast off 6 sts., work in pattern to end of row.

Row 2: Cast off 6 sts., work in pattern to end of row.

Row 3: K.2 tog., work in pattern to the last 2 sts., k.2 tog.

Repeat the 3rd row until 20 sts. remain on the needle. Cast off.

The Collar and Tie

Using the No. 9 needles, commence by casting on 2 sts. Work in k.1, p.1 rib, increase at both ends of every row, until there are 16 sts. on the needle.

Proceed in the rib without shaping, until the work measures 4½ inches from the commencement.

K.2 tog. at both ends of every row until 2 sts. remain. Cast off.

To Make Up the Garment

Press lightly on the wrong side, under a damp cloth with a hot iron, taking care not to stretch the rib. Join the shoulders. Sew in the sleeves. Join the side and sleeve seams. Press all seams. Sew in the collar, leaving the ends free. Tie in a bow.

Watch Your Speech

AN attractive voice is one of woman's greatest assets.

But however charming a voice may be, if the speech it utters is out of keeping with its owner's personality, it will quickly lose its attraction. For the words a woman uses should be in character with her personality and appearance.

People do not always realise the effect their speech makes upon others. They chatter on without pausing to think, using perhaps unsuitable or meaningless words. They damage their prestige by adopting the slang of the moment utterly regardless of whether it suits their appearance and personality.

Older women in particular can detract very much from their dignity by using unsuitable speech. After very early youth speech which is a little more sober and dignified is usually becoming.

This does not mean to-day that conversation need be as measured as that of a judge. Far from it! For on occasions a breezy word gives colour to speech, and lends it a vitality which is always appealing.

Avoid Catch Words and Slang Phrases

But discretion is needed. A little subtle humour or infectious enthusiasm is far more effective than a perfect hurricane of the latest catch words and slang phrases.

Some women have a fund of good humour which they do not shed with the passing years. Airy talk is as natural to them as honey to the bee. But it is when this kind of talk, instead of being natural, is borrowed from younger members that it not only lessens a woman's charm, but actually accentuates her age.

An elderly spinster and "hitting the high spots" do not go together. Neither does it sound convincing for a tall, commanding matron to say, "I must toddle off home." It is the same with the overworked Americanism "O.K."

Tolerable, perhaps, in a young girl, but inexcusable and unattractive in anyone of mature feminine vintage with pretensions to good breeding. If you watch attractive women talkers you will find that they talk from sheer enjoyment, unconsciously attuning themselves to their hearers, but with no idea of impressing them.

They speak naturally, avoiding the overworked phrase where possible, substituting instead something refreshing and colourful.

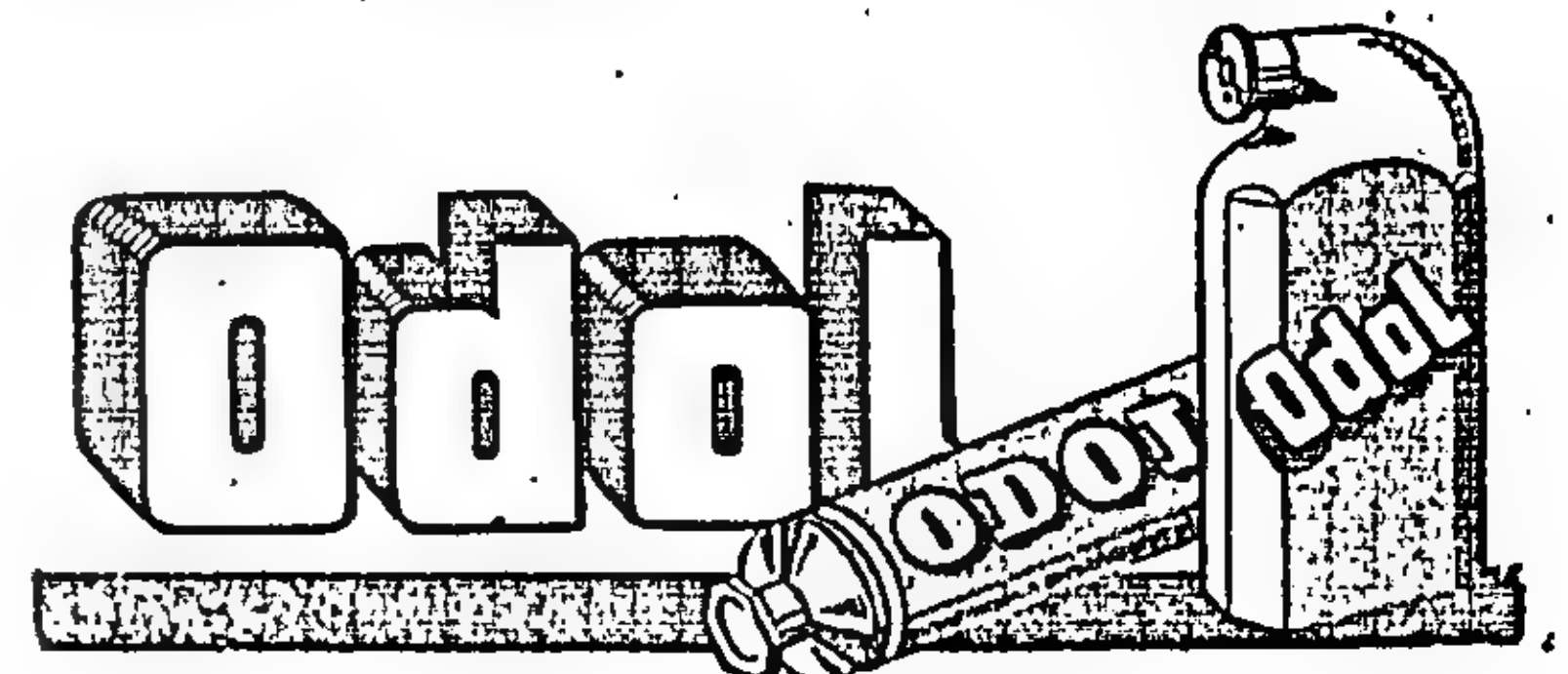
The woman who can talk easily and with enthusiasm is an asset in any gathering. But what about the shy speaker who finds it desperately difficult to air her views before strangers? What is she to do?

Her role is easy. Let her develop into a sympathetic listener, and in popularity she may outdistance the greatest talker in her set! Madge Whitley

To be really beautiful..

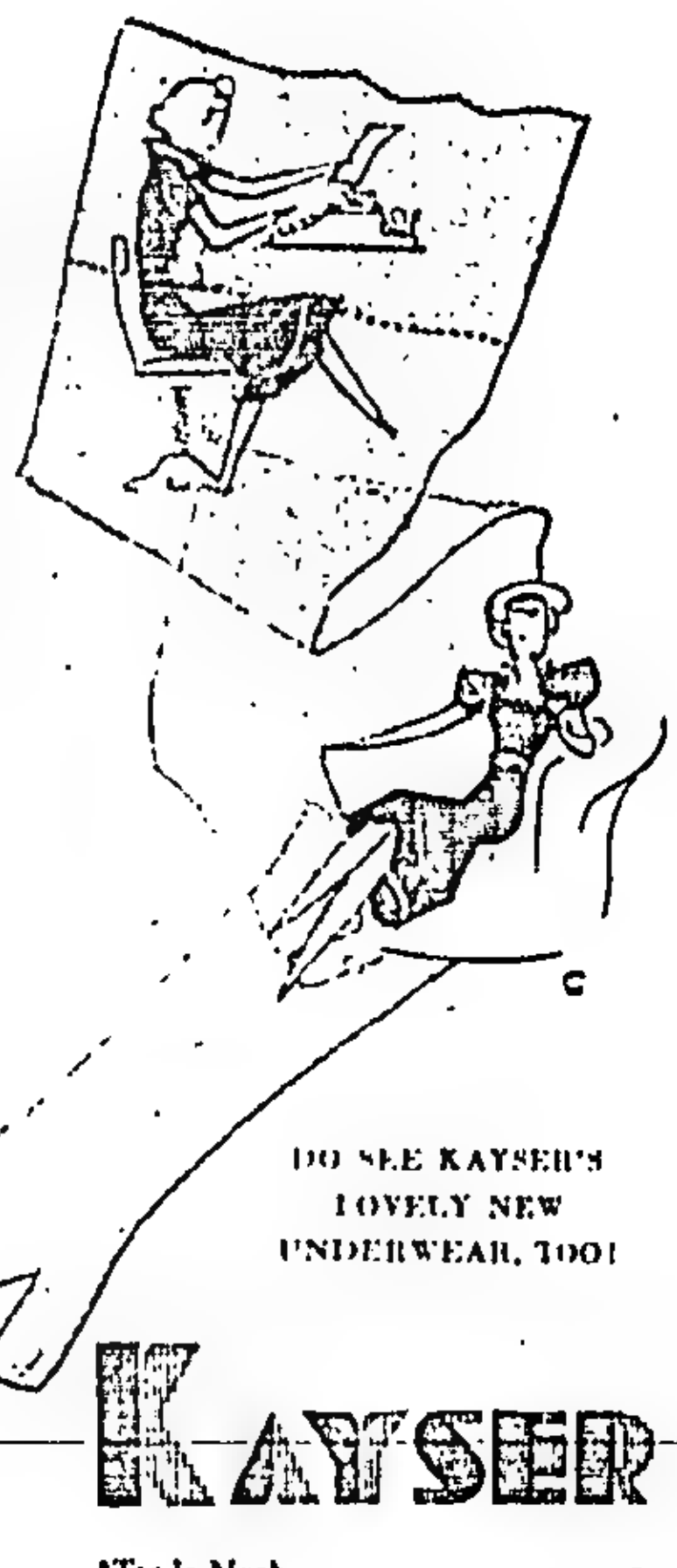


To be really beautiful, you must have perfectly clean, white teeth. Be wise. Clean your teeth every night and morning with the toothpaste that is world-famous, the toothpaste on which many of the most noted beauties rely — Odol. Use Odol mouthwash, too. It will protect your mouth and throat from germs, and will make your breath fragrant and sweet.



MODERN as TODAY

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Six bananas and nearly two pints of skimmed milk per day form the ration, with the addition of one meat meal, a green salad, fresh fruit without sugar, and some green vegetables.

Two or three thin slices of crisp toast are allowed for an active working person.

The milk must not be gulped down but should be sipped and chewed.

WHEN YOU GET UP: Glass of water, fresh lemon juice and water, or tomato juice.

BREAKFAST: Two really ripe bananas, ¾ pint of milk or milk tea, 1 slice crisp toast if required, watercress, lettuce or radishes.

MID-MORNING: Fresh lemon juice and water, tomato, or plain water.

LUNCH: Clear soup, vegetable broth or consommé, or yeast and vegetable extract. Two-four ounces lean meat, two green vegetables or a green salad (celery, green peppers, and asparagus are included). Slice of watermelon, pineapple, or fruit salad, or banana.

TEA: Cup of tea without sugar or Russian tea, one banana, or ¾ pint milk with one banana.

SUPPER: Warm or cold milk, two bananas, one or two slices thin, crisp toast with butter.

The lunch and supper meals may be reversed.

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THE bananas (containing 15 per cent. carbohydrate) should be thoroughly masticated and mixed with saliva. This is essential for all starch foods, because the first digestive process begins with mastication.

If this rule were generally followed people would all have better teeth, healthier digestions and smoother nerves. People who weigh more than ten stone should allow themselves an extra half a pint of milk and another banana per day to meet the needs of a heavier body. It is a pity that the public have in ignorance, created a demand for unripe bananas. When this food—fruit is brown-speckled the fruiterer sells it cheaply and usually treats it with disrespect. The speckled banana is ripe and digestible.

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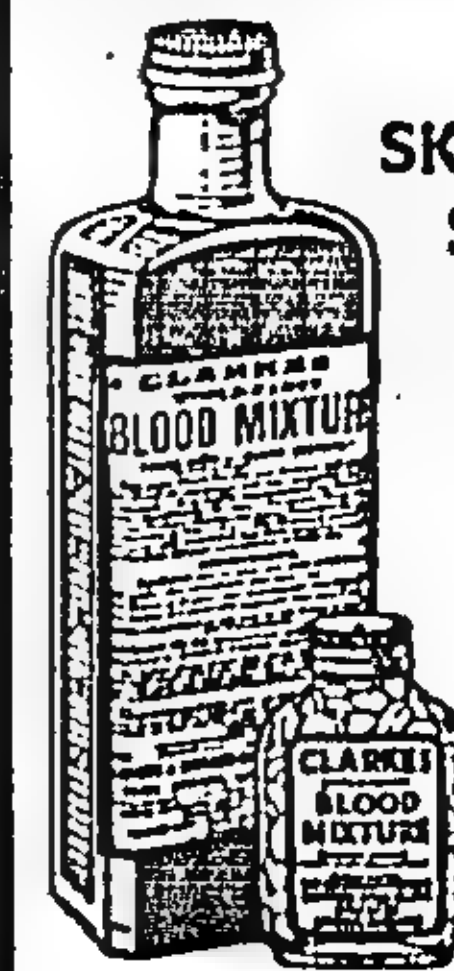
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Captain Ernest A. Simpson, 40, former husband of the Duchess of Windsor, with his bride, the former Mary Kirk Rafferty, 41, after their wedding in the ballroom of the Brooklawn Country Club at Fairfield, Conn., performed by a Justice of the Peace. Both listed their residence as London.

Doctor Tennis Star Wins Claim For Fees

A man alleged at Brentford recently that when his twenty-four-year-old daughter was going to have a baby, Dr. Patrick Spence, the Davis Cup tennis player, suggested an operation.

"Do you mean an illegal operation?" asked Judge Drucquer.

"I presumed so," said the man, Mr. Edward Westropp Morgan, of East Twickenham.

"I deny it," said the doctor, jumping up. "He suggested it, but I would have nothing to do with such a thing."

Mr. Morgan was being sued by the doctor for £8 2s. for attendance on his daughter. He was also sued by Miss Hilda Larkman, a nursing home proprietress, of East Sheen, for £30 6s. 1d. fees.

Mr. Morgan said his daughter was betrayed by a man eighteen years

2,000,000 PEOPLE HAVE NO PROTECTION

LONDON, which would be the most vulnerable city in the country during wartime and the first objective of an enemy air force, is far behind any other centre in preparations for the defence of civilians.

Long delay by the Government in deciding to pay the cost of civilian protection out of national defence funds has faced the Air Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office with a serious problem.

Over 2,000,000 people are living in areas which have no protection schemes.

A plan to hold defence exercises for the civilian population of London similar to that carried out in Berlin recently has been postponed because half the London boroughs have no plan.

ALL PARTIES OBJECT

A serious view of the situation is taken by the Cabinet and chiefs of the military forces.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the L.C.C., is now urging the Government to take immediate action by offering to pay the whole cost of civilian defence out of national funds.

Although it has been suggested that Labour Councils have made a political issue out of the problem and withheld support on that ground, the fact is that all the councils in the country, irrespective of party, strongly object to the Government's attitude on finance.

Special concern is felt because many of the boroughs in which no preparations have been made contain a large proportion of old and poor property difficult to protect from poison gas.

Many of those areas which have produced paper schemes have not made much practical progress.

Mr. Morrison has made the position of all the councils clear in conferences with the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, has been told plainly that responsibility for delay rests with the Government.

THEIR LAST OFFER

The Government has now offered to pay for all extra fire brigade equipment and from 60 to 75 per cent. of

the cost of precautions, according to the means of areas, and 75 per cent. of all costs beyond a penny rate. The Government view is that the burden is not likely to exceed on the average the product of a penny rate.

This offer, described as the last to be made, has not been accepted by the councils.

The L.C.C. and London Borough Labour Parties are not opposed to air raid precautions, but in common with the other councils believe they should form part of the national defence scheme and that expenses should be paid by the country as a whole. Many councils controlled by Tories have taken a stronger line than some Labour councils.

Thousands of voluntary wardens are required.

Large sums will also be required for decontaminating centres, shelters, and materials for making buildings gas and bomb-splinter proof. The training of wardens and other workers and provision of their equipment will also absorb large sums.

FURTHER MOVES

The unprotected boroughs of London are:

Poplar, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Greenwich, Bermondsey, Deptford, Fulham, Stepney, Woolwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, Finsbury.

The boroughs which have prepared satisfactory schemes are Hammer-smith, Westminster, Chelsea, Marylebone, Paddington, Holborn, Wandsworth, Hampstead, Kensington, St. Pancras, Stoke Newington, City of London, Battersea, Hackney and Islington.

There will be further negotiations with the Home Secretary during the next few weeks. It is believed that he is now anxious to rectify the position as soon as possible and the councils hope for an early settlement.

Predicted Murder In The Press

Exactly as predicted by a writer in the Minneapolis Star recently, Patrick Corcoran, an American labour leader, has been murdered near his Minneapolis home, say the Daily Herald.

He had been shot behind the right ear, apparently while trying to flee to safety.

Ten days before Cedric Adams, columnist of the Minneapolis Star, wrote:

"I met a very close friend last night who has given me scores of items in the past, some of which were scoops. He has never been wrong, and here's one you can take for what it is worth: A prominent labour leader in Minneapolis will be 'taken for a ride' in two weeks."

Mr. Adams, who said that his information came from another labour leader whom he declined to name, went to the police as soon as he heard of Corcoran's murder.

Corcoran was the chief of a group of unions in the district which were affiliated to the American Federation of Labour. A struggle for supremacy has been going on in Minneapolis and the twin city of St. Paul between the Federation and Committee for Industrial Organisation.



Anna Neagle, the famous British film star is said to be one of the most popular women of the Empire thanks to her clever portrayal of Queen Victoria in the film depicting the life of the great British Queen.

Tame Men Of The Woods

Bearded Men of Luxton, colonists who have gone "back to Nature," broke a hitherto rigid silence the other day to talk to Daily Herald correspondents over a great log fire.

They were some of the first strangers ever to be admitted to their two-year-old colony in the backwoods on a hill six miles from Corby, Derbyshire—twenty people who live as people lived hundreds of years ago.

They are cultured, educated people, five families in all, who have gone back to the land, they say, to escape the strain of living in modern towns and cities.

Their numbers include a University graduate, a stockbroker, a journalist, a chemist and a schoolmaster.

Three babies have been born recently in the colony, whose people till the land and tend their stock from dawn to sunset.

They scarcely ever visit a town. They never visit a theatre or cinema, hear neither radio nor gramophone. In their half dozen wooden shacks, spotlessly clean inside, the wives prepare home-grown food over open fires.

They were asked why the men folk grow long beards.

A chorus replied, "Because we do not think it is worth shaving."

"We believe in just living our own natural lives with our wives and families," said one of the leaders.

"We are outside the money system as far as possible. That is to say we produce as much as we possibly can by farming our own land, keeping cattle and using horses and donkeys for transport."

"We are working on a sort of five-year plan in the hope that eventually we shall be absolutely self-supporting. We have a weaving apparatus with which we are starting to make our own clothes."

"Our life is no sinecure. But remember this, we lead a virile life in the open and every one of us is happy."

"There is no real organisation, each man working with his family for himself. But we are not cranks—we are level-headed people."

The Bearded Men now wear corduroy breeches, and leather or tweed coats, and gum-boots. In the summer they have been known to work in their bare feet on the land.

Women Farmers Increase

A sharp increase of farming interest among women was announced by 4-H Club directors in the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California. Girls outnumbered boys attending an annual encampment of young farmers here.

British Decentralization Urged

"Decentralization" of Great Britain and the building of new towns of 50,400 inhabitants is advocated by Dr. Montgomery Hyde and G. B. Fairbairn Nuttall in their book, "Air Defence and the Civil Population."

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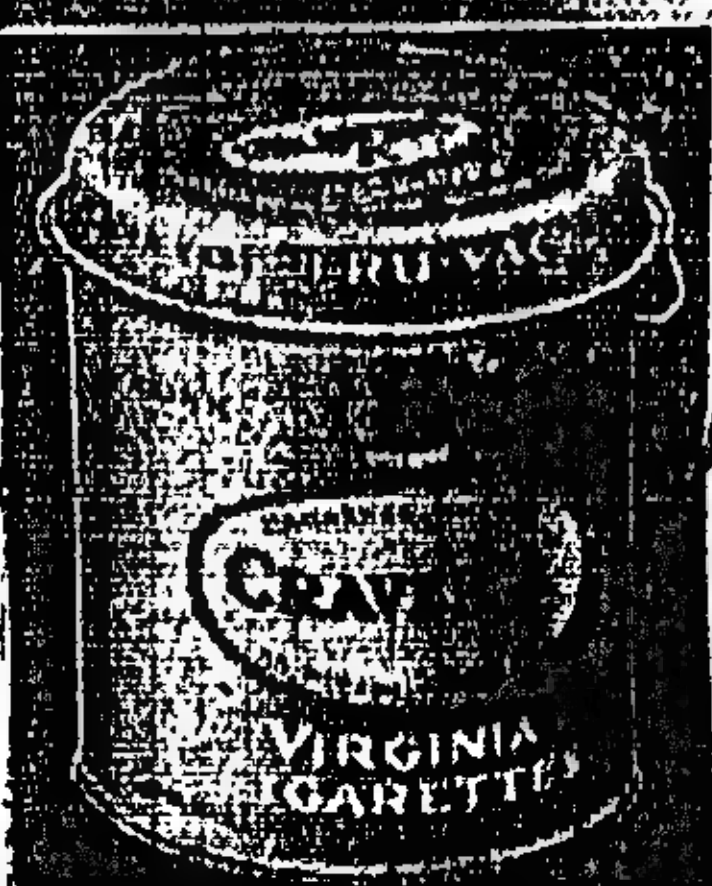
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From Manila

Quantities of war material, including crated aeroplanes, are lying on the wharves at Manila, awaiting shipment. When the N.Y.K. liner Kitano Maru, which arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday, berthed in Manila, Japanese officers aboard the ship displayed considerable curiosity at the sight of the aeroplanes. The aeroplanes are of American origin. American aeroplanes are also being sent east by way of Australia. A Boeing ten-passenger machine reached Sydney this month, aboard the Swedish steamer Roxen, from San Francisco. The machine was landed at Sydney, where it will be transhipped in a British ship bound north.

The machine is stated to be of the same type as that in which Col. Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangborn, American fliers, finished third in the Milkenhill-Melbourne air race. It has a maximum speed of 200 miles an hour, a cruising speed of 180, and is fitted with two 550 h.p. Wasp engines.

CUBA TO
GIVE LAND
TO POOR

Havana, Dec. 16. The Cuban Government has decided to distribute unoccupied Government land to 60,000 poor families, each of which will be given 33 acres. This is part of a three-year economic plan and will make an acceptable Christmas present to the poor, as they will be allowed to occupy the land immediately.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio: Willandra, Hellas, Kitano Maru, Bokuyo Maru, Tiscunhong, Behar, Empress of Canada, Cornish City, Minoo Maru, Shinkyo Maru, President Pierce, Ferncastle, President Hoover, Tasman, Kwangtung, Szechuen, President McKinley and Anshun.

New Republican
Flag Hoisted
At Tientsin

Peking, Dec. 17. The new Republican flag was hoisted over the Customs House at Tientsin yesterday. A semi-official Japanese source predicts a great revival of trade in North China because special trade will now be liquidated. The entire provisional government went by train to Tientsin yesterday to thank General Chang Terauchi, Commander-in-Chief in North China, for his help in establishing the new regime.—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN
IN MOTOR CAR
COLLISION

London, Dec. 16. When the King and Queen were returning from the theatre to-night, the royal car collided with a small private car in Trafalgar Square. Nobody was hurt and the damage caused was slight. The royal car proceeded after a few minutes.—Reuter.

WHO IS "THE THIN
MAN"?

(Continued from Page 6.)

But in essentials there was a thin man.

You may note that Hammett's gangsters talk like gangsters, and not like a Hollywood imitation.

Hammett was a good detective, but he says he was probably over-rated because of the plausibility with which he could explain away his failures.

HOWEVER, Hammett found detection a bit monotonous, says the case of Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle was the only one that relieved it. "That was the funniest case I ever worked on," said Hammett in one of his rare statements about his work.

In trying to convict Arbuckle, everybody tried to blame everybody else. It became tedious,

so Hammett bought himself a typewriter.

When he could take time off from hunting for lost pearls and missing daughters, Hammett sat in front of his machine laboriously tapping out stories.

His early books were successful, but his most successful, "The Thin Man," was turned down by one magazine editor.

That discouraged Hammett, but another bought it, boosted it as the greatest American crime story ever written.

Hammett still writes slowly. It takes him a whole evening to write a thousand words, but he never has to rewrite.

Perhaps that is why the American critics say that Dashiell Hammett's are the only detective stories that are literature as well as entertainment.

Well, there is certainly no doubt about them as entertainment.

Emrys Jones

AMERICA
BUYING
SILVERInteresting Market
Position

London, Dec. 16. For the first time for several years America, after the fixing of the price to-day, asked that offers for forward silver be made to her. Later she sent over buying orders. Brokers are somewhat at a loss to understand why America has suddenly turned buyer for forward silver. Some suggest that the move is motivated by the extreme difficulty of obtaining cash silver, as most of the London stocks are now held against previous contracts.

The general opinion is that the step will do much to restore the equilibrium of the market. Although there has recently been a heavy volume of short selling, some of the market authorities believe this has not yet offset the previous long interest, though should "bears" suddenly decide to cover, and so long as they refuse to sell, an interesting position might arise owing to the scarcity of "free" stocks, especially as the total London stocks during the past week are estimated to have fallen from six to four million ounces.—Reuter.

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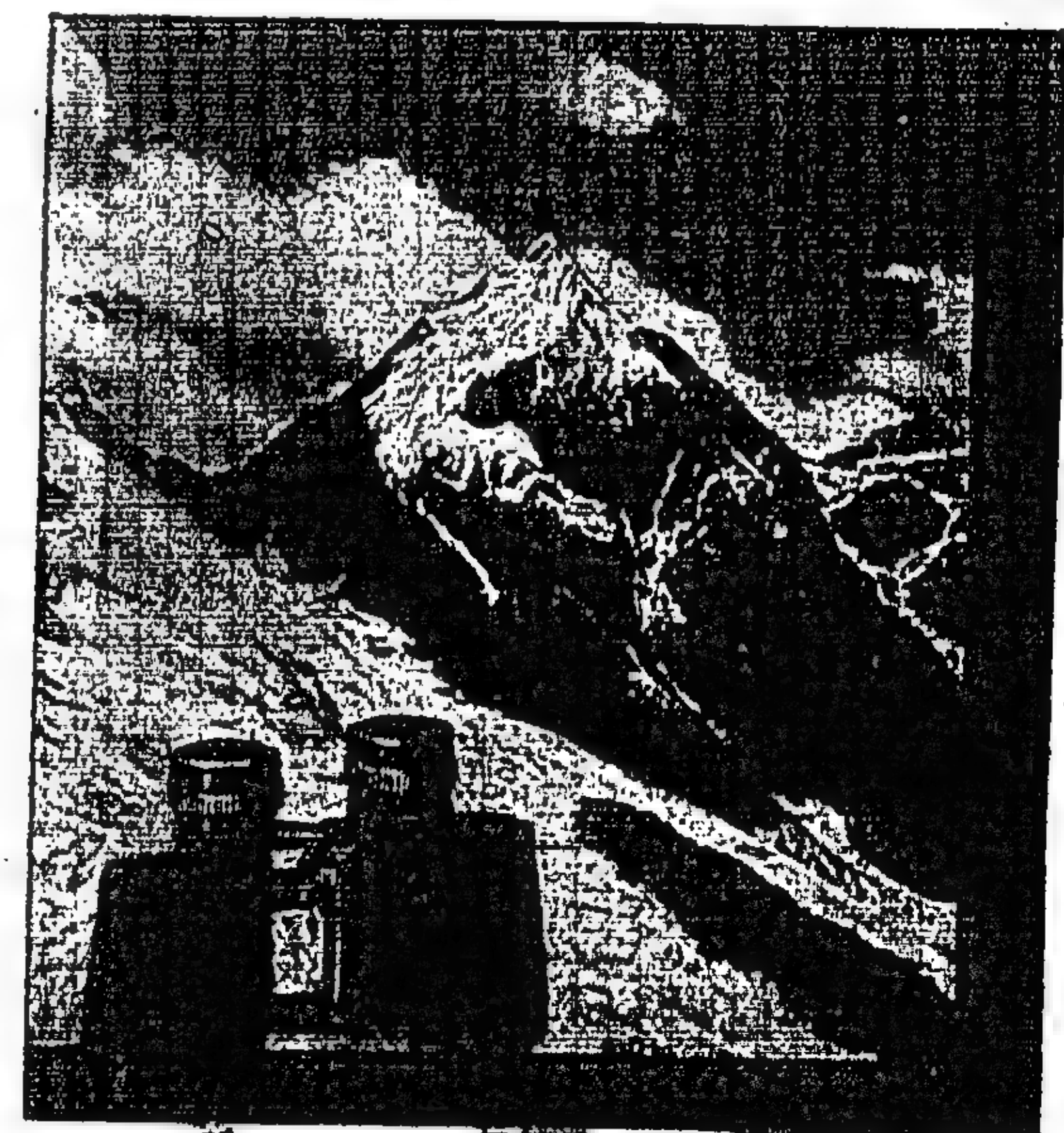
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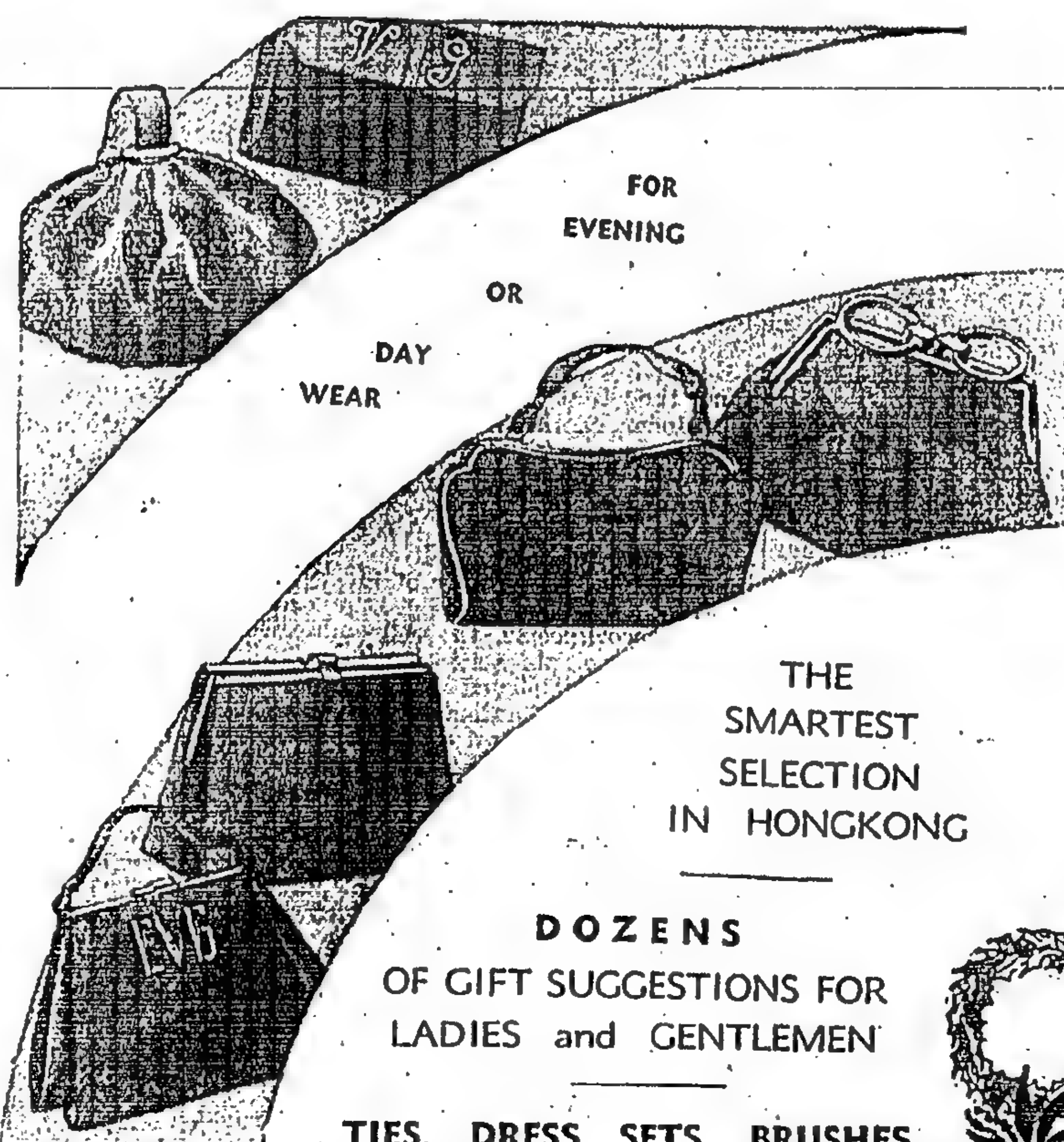
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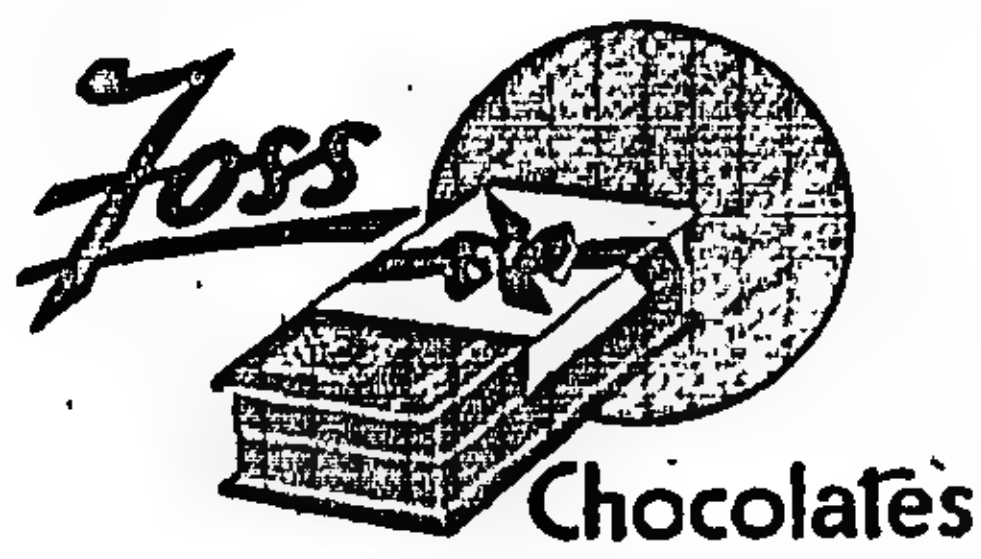
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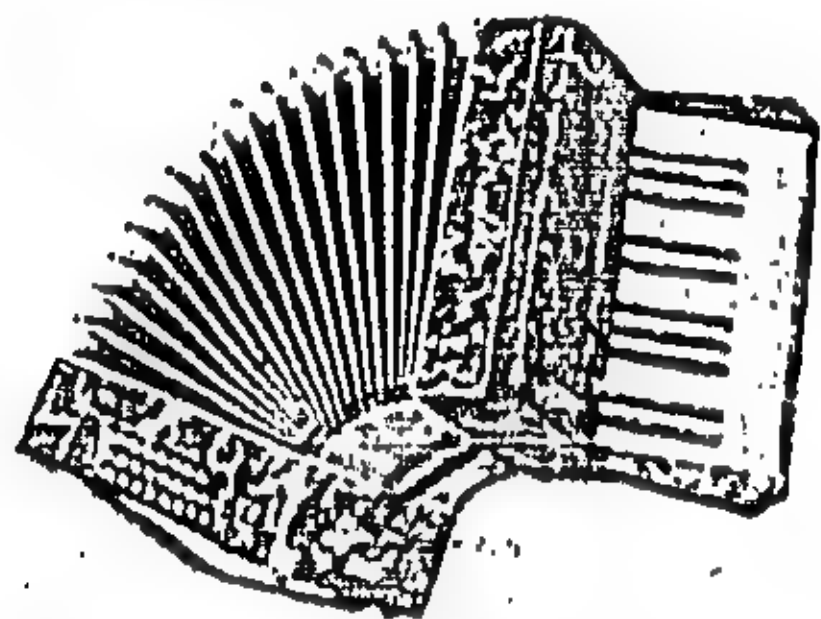
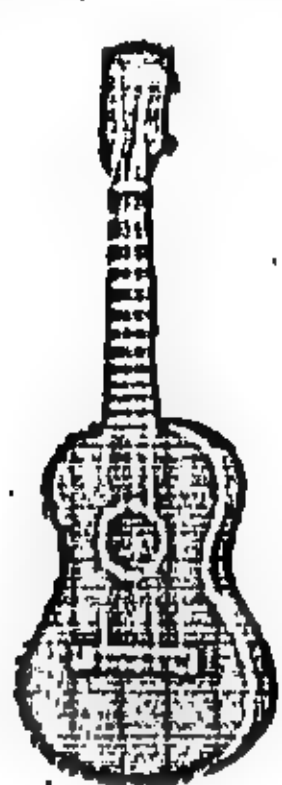


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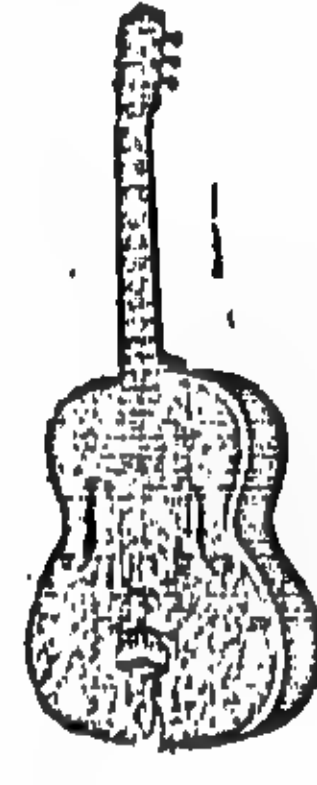
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HIGH COST OF LIVING

The Government feels that rents now demanded in Hongkong are not unreasonable and that increases which have occurred since the demand for living quarters increased with the outbreak of hostilities in China are probably justified. In the majority of cases the rents now asked, even those which have recently been increased and have been the subject of complaint by tenants, are less than those of 1933. These are facts which cannot be contested. And yet there is no question in the minds of many people that the average rentals charged among the poorer classes are too great a burden upon their slim resources. The question of correcting the situation which has resulted from the system of principal tenantry and the sub-letting of floor space in the form of cubicles, has been discussed frequently. The abuses to which such a system is heir are too well-known to require repetition. The labouring class of people, the shop foki and office coolie type who live in these cubicles are the victims, all too often, of principal tenants who expect to live on the profits of sub-letting.

Landlords, as a race, are unpopular people as a rule; but there is no fault found with the ordinary Hongkong building proprietor for the rents he asks. They are not exorbitant. They do not always bring a decent profit on the investment. That is probably because the cost of construction is very heavy, for some reason which has yet to be explained. But for the cubicle dweller and even the \$200- or \$300-dollar-a-month man times are always hard, and rents are one of causes for his constant financial stringency, the perpetual penny-pinching which must be the lot of such a community as this where labour is so cheap. A condition which allows cheap labour can probably be traced to over-supply, simply to too great a population for the commercial requirements of a place, though economists do say that no population can be too large to support itself. However that may be, there is much poverty here, and living conditions for the small wage earner are such that they might very well be further investigated. The blame for the high cost of living in Hongkong probably does not lie upon rents any more than on food and clothing. And since wages must be governed by the cost of living it would be interesting to discover just what their relation is at this time.

A cost of living inquiry is under way in Great Britain and in this connection the Monthly Review of Barclay's

Bank observes:

"The changes which have taken place in modes of living and habits of spending since 1914 have made it apparent for some time that the cost of living index of the Ministry of Labour does not adequately represent present conditions. Nevertheless, in the absence of a better standard, many wages agreements depend upon it, and in a considerable number of industries employing nearly 1½ million workpeople, the collective arrangements between employers and employed include provision for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with the movements of the official cost of living index. The principal object of the inquiry now being undertaken by the Ministry of Labour into the expenditure of working class households is to remedy this unsatisfactory situation and it is hoped to obtain sufficient information for the construction of a cost of living index which will be a real representation of the facts of ordinary working class life. No such comprehensive official inquiry has been made in Great Britain since 1918, when the position was greatly affected by the abnormal conditions arising out of the War, and the only official inquiry prior to that year was carried out in 1904."

Hongkong would be well advised to ponder the example of the British Government, and possibly apply to wages in this Colony the related cost of living index so far as it is possible. There is no doubt but it would relieve much distress and in all probability would eventually make for a richer community.

Who is "The Thin Man"?

He is almost as
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THE man who wrote "The Thin Man" is called Dashiell Hammett. But who is Dashiell Hammett? Many people have asked that since the appearance of the film.

He is more mysterious than even the characters he creates in his detective stories. His publishers known very little about him except that anything he writes sells fantastically well.

The magazine editors who serialise his stories have never seen him.

The film bosses who make big money out of his stories cannot tell you how old he is, and this in the business where nobody is allowed to have any secrets.

Millions have read his book, "The Thin Man," millions more have seen the film. So let's put on record what we have found out about him, for his career is more interesting than that of most literary folk.

First to describe him: Dashiell Hammett is a thin man. He is tall, handsome, has grey hair, a black moustache, and humorous eyes.

Hammett's hobbies are few and simple: drinking, ping-pong, and parlour games. He likes giving parties, but prefers to sit round while others do the talking. He likes to keep long and late hours, and he doesn't sleep so well even when he gets to bed.

The world's greatest detective writer does not read detective stories, but he does read philosophy. Do you know that exciting but heavy-going book called "Decline of the West," by Oswald Spengler?

It tells of the decay of Western civilisation. To banish his insomnia Hammett reads a slab of that at nights.

Temperamentally Hammett is lazy. Though he lives near the best beach in the United States he is too apathetic to go swimming.

WHEN he is in New York he spends part of his time sitting round night clubs, going to first nights, but few in those places know that the author of "The Thin Man" is among them.

When he is in Hollywood he also spends part of his time sit-

ting round night clubs and going to film premieres, but few in that city recognise him as the man who made William Powell and Myrna Loy more famous than ever they were before.

Hammett never talks about himself, but he is a good listener. He lets other people do the talking, listens in the hope that some stray words will suggest a plot, character, or phrase for his next book.

That's the secret of his success. His characters are people he has known in his varied career. And what a career for a novelist! Consider it.

The Hollywood publicists may like to know that it began forty-three years ago, for that is his age.

HE was born in an unfashionable Maryland, but he left there when he was four years old for dirty Philadelphia. Then he went to the State school until he was fourteen.

Then he began work, and his jobs sound like a catalogue of occupations. He sold newspapers; he was a messenger boy in a railway company; a clerk in an advertising office; a stockbroker's clerk; time-keeper in a cannery and a machine shop. He says he was not much good at any of them.

He was often sacked, but, with the sense of humour of "The Thin Man," he was always



o He knows crime first-hand
—that's why his stories are real

Something here to Sharpen your wits on

Here is a test designed to find out how intelligent you are. You are your own examiner, and you have to assign yourself to the highest grade in which you pass the test successfully. Grade B is the average man or woman. Grade A is below the average, Grade C is above the average. Grade D is much above the average.

Work the following sums in your head (without using paper or pencil), within the time allowed for each grade, writing down the results on a slip of paper. Then compare them with the answers at the foot of Column 6 and 7.

Time allowed for Grade A: Four minutes.

1. What is the length of a string I can cut into seven pieces eight inches long, two pieces five inches long and have nine inches over.

2. Jean is twice as old as John, John three times as old as William, who is as old as Robert. Robert is thirteen. How old is Jean?

3. Seven separate triangles, each having three equal sides, are made out of sixty-three inches of wire. How long is each side?

4. A boy sells nine dozen newspapers at 2d. each. What profit does he make on the whole if each newspaper costs him 1½d.?

Time allowed for Grade B: Six minutes.

1. I have bought three books at 7s. 6d. and one at 5s. How much change have I left from one and a half guineas, which I had left in my purse?

2. If a train travels fifteen miles in ten minutes, how long will it take to run one mile?

3. A man of thirty-five is seven times as old as his child. How many times as old as his child is he twenty-five years later.

4. In a bag are apples. John is given half and Robert a quarter. John has twelve more than Robert. How many apples were in the bag at first?

Time allowed for Grade C: Eight minutes.

1. What is the greatest number C that will divide into 91 and 135 and leave 3 in each case?

2. A policeman is pursuing a man who has had an hour's start on him and is walking at the rate of three miles an hour. The policeman is progressing at the rate of four miles an hour. How long will it take the policeman to catch up with the man he is pursuing?

3. If your salary is reduced by 20 per cent, and then increased by 20 per cent, do you have the same as before; do you lose or gain, and if so by what percentage?

4. The first even number is 2, the second 4, and so on. What is the 200th even number?

Time allowed for Grade D: Twelve minutes.

1. A big solid cube, each side measuring four inches, is composed of wooden cubes measuring each one cubic inch. The outside of the big cube is then painted black. When the paint is dry, the big cube is broken up into the small cubes.

(a) How many small cubes will have paint on four sides? (b) On three sides? (c) On two sides? (d) On one side? (e) How many have no paint on?

2. What is the area of a plot three and a half yards square?

on good terms with his employers.

War came, and Hammett went to France, and there he was promoted to sergeant's rank. He was gassed, and back home, with his health half-ruined, he looked round for a job. He saw none that interested him.

Now after the war crime was one of the major occupations in the United States. It fascinated Hammett, and he joined Pinkerton's, the famous detective agency.

Pinkerton's is a great agency, often called in when the Government's police fail. It has offices in about forty cities. It recovered the stolen Gainsborough portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire after the police had sought it for twenty years. The trade mark of Pinkerton's is a wide-open eye and the motto, "We never sleep."

SO Hammett, in this organisation, was able to get to the inside of crime, and he had eight years of it. Daily he talked with gangsters and racketeers. His friends

(and enemies) were mobsters, molls, con-men, fences.

He saw the drama, squalor, humour, and tragedy of the underworld at close quarters—so close that his talks with "dese, dem and dese guys" made it difficult to prevent himself from talking like them.

No reason to marvel, then, that Hammett's detective stories are different, that they set a new standard in detective fiction.

No other detective writer shows so brilliantly the actual means by which the criminal is caught. Add to that racy dialogue, humour, and swift action, and you get something rare.

REALISM is the secret. For Hammett recorded every character he met in his mind, and every one of his characters comes out of his mind into his books.

Disguised, of course, "The Thin Man" may have been fat in real life, or he may have been a fence instead of a gambler. (Continued on Page 5.)

SOLUTION

These are the solutions to the tests in Column Four:—

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| A | | C | |
| (1) 75ins. | (2) 78. | (1) 44. | (2) 3 hours. |
| (3) 3ins. | (4) 2s. 3d. | Lose 4 per cent. (4) 400 | |
| B | | D | |
| (1) 4s. | (2) 40secs. | (1) a=0, b=8, c=24, d= | |
| (3) Twice. | (4) 48. | (2) 12½ sq. yards. | |

'We Must Not Surrender,' Says Chiang

MANIFESTO DELIVERED TO NATION

"I WILL PURSUE RESISTANCE TO BITTER END"

Hankow, Dec. 17. "No matter how the present situation may change, we must not surrender, but march onward," declares Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a manifesto to the nation broadcast from his field headquarters.

The manifesto says that since the beginning of the hostilities, the Chinese army casualties on all fronts have exceeded 300,000 and the loss of civilian life and property is beyond computation.

The General adds: "So long as I live I will pursue to the utmost of my ability resistance to the bitter end, and secure ultimate victory for the nation."

Appraising the probable outcome of the hostilities, the Generalissimo says: "We are convinced that the present situation is favourable to China. The basis of China's success in a prolonged resistance is not to be found in Nanking nor the big cities, but in the villages throughout China, and the fixed determination of the people. The time must come when the Japanese military strength will be completely exhausted, thus giving us ultimate victory."—*Reuter*.

Chinese Blow Up Bridges

Tsinan, Dec. 17. According to information received here all bridges along the southern end of the Tientsin-Pukow railway at Tungkai and Puchen in Kiangsu province have been blown up by Chinese forces to obstruct the Japanese advance northward from Pukow.

Japanese Planes Bomb Shansi Towns

Linfen, Dec. 17. A fleet of Japanese planes yesterday bombed a number of small towns in Shansi including Chuyang and Puying. The details of the attack have not been ascertained.

The Japanese have also sent heavy troops to garrison Weihsien, Laiyuan and Tsingyuan Pass, which were recently captured.—*Central News*.

Nanking Gives Up 15,000 Prisoners

Shanghai, Dec. 17. Japanese reports state that 15,000 Chinese troops were taken prisoners at Nanking and it is believed 25,000 remained in the city in civilian clothes. Mopping-up operations continue.—*United Press*.

NAVAL SHIPS FIRING

H.M.S. Lowestoft is exercising in firing full calibre 4.7 inch guns and 3 inch anti-aircraft guns east of Wagon, it is notified by the Royal Navy.

Submarines will similarly be exercising on Thursday.

H.M.S. Duchess leaves on December 20 for Swatow relieving H.M.S. Diana which will then return to Hongkong.

Following is the disposition of H.M. Ships in the China Sea:

Shanghai: Folkestone; Tientsin: Suffolk; Weihaiwei: Lowestoft; Dorechester; Delight; Dainty; Nanking: Capetown; Amoy: Darling; Swatow: Diana.

On passage: to Chefoo: Sandwich; to Swatow: Diamond.

Following are the berthings of H.M. ships in harbour:

North Wall, Decoy, Defender, South Wall, Grimsby, Herald, Thrallan.

East Wall, Otus, Phoenix, Grampus, North Arm, Medway and Submarines.

West Wall, Cumberland, Falmouth, Dock, Tarantula, Perseus, Olympus.

Buoys, Eagle, Adventure, Regent, Rover, Westcott, Odin, Rorqual, Duncan, Duchess.

Foreign Men-of-war: Chinese, C.M.C. Cruisers (15); Transports (2); Gunboats (2).

TEMPERATURE UNSTEADY

Temperature at 10 a.m. at the Royal Observatory to-day was 60, a rise of four degrees over yesterday's corresponding figures, and humidity was 87, eight per cent. lower.

Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day totalled 0.07 in, making an aggregate of 0.249 ins. against an average of 0.456 ins.

The anti-cyclone continues to move eastward and pressure is now highest over Central Japan.

Local Forecast.—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

MR. S. M. BRUCE AGAIN HIGH COMMISSIONER

Melbourne, Dec. 16. The Australian Cabinet has re-appointed Mr. Stanley Bruce as High Commissioner for Australia in London for a further period of five years.—*Reuter*.

Formulating New Policy

Japan's Cabinet Plans To Consult With Emperor

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Following a series of consultations between the highest authorities, an agreement in view was reached to recommend to the throne the desirability of holding on December 16, in the presence of the Emperor, a joint conference of the Imperial Headquarters and the Cabinet for the purpose of discussing and fixing Japanese future fundamental and immutable policies in connection with the China incident, following the capture of Nanking.

After obtaining the Cabinet's approval to-day, Prince Konoye, the Prime Minister, will proceed to the Palace this afternoon to seek Imperial sanction for the conference which it is expected will be attended by the chiefs and vice-chiefs of the Navy and Army general staffs, the Premier, the Navy Minister, War Minister, Foreign Minister, Home Minister, Admiral Sasegawa and the Finance Minister.—*Reuter*.

STAMPING OUT PREJUDICE

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

The eradication of the anti-Japanese educational system which has been prevalent in North China is being contemplated by the newly-established Provincial Government of the Republic of China, according to a Japanese report from Tientsin.

In order to achieve this purpose, the message adds that the educational department of the Executive Commission of the new Government is formulating fundamental principles regarding cultural and educational problems. Such doctrines as the "Three Principles of the People," which are described as being likely to mislead the public will be discarded, while Confucianism, declared to be the foundation of Oriental thought, will be fostered.—*Reuter*.

Vast Store Of Explosives

Paris, Dec. 16.

Three hundredweight of melinite, twelve machine-guns were discovered in the cellar of a house situated in a fashionable residential district of west Paris to-day.

The owner of the house is at present in Britain, but the janitor, who is said to be a member of the C.A.R. (Cagoulards) organisation is alleged to have stated that he stored the explosives and grenades in the cellar himself. The explosives found were sufficient to blow up the residential quarter of Paris Montceau.—*Reuter's Special*.

Stock Market Tone Good

London, Dec. 16.

A satisfactory undertone was maintained on the London Stock Exchange throughout to-day, though leading oils failed to maintain their earlier gains owing to profit-taking.

To-day's market with substantial bear covering, B.A.T. especially rising from 103/8d. to 108/1d. Continental and ship support helped Kaffirs, but commodities were featureless. Wall Street was firm and then narrowly irregular.—*Reuter's Special*.

'SHAI TRADE NOT NORMAL

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

The monthly returns of the Chinese Customs in Shanghai show that the total number of vessels entering Shanghai in November increased to 125 compared with October's 107, but was still far below the number for November 1936.

The report states that there were 37 vessels entered Shanghai from abroad and 87 from Chinese ports as compared with 147 and 576 last November.

American, British, Japanese and Norwegian ships from abroad decreased the largest British ships decreased from 41 to 17, American ships from 14 to none and Japanese ships from 44 to none.—*United Press*.

BIG COMMONS DEBATE NEXT TUESDAY

London, Dec. 16.

It was announced in the House of Commons that there will be a debate on foreign affairs on Tuesday.

Referring to the motion for the adjournment for the Christmas recess to be moved on Thursday, it was stated it would contain the usual provision to empower the Speaker, on representations from the Government, to call the House together at an earlier date than February 1, if such a course should be considered necessary in the public interest.—*British Wireless*.

Gave Stolen Money To Sweetheart And Mother

Thanks to the Directors again waiving their fees, the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was able to show a profit on the year's working of \$254,48 it was revealed at the annual meeting this morning.

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Mr. Pearce, Mr. D. F. Landale, Mr. Ho Kom-tong (Directors), Mr. A. Stevenson (Manager), Mr. J. D. Thomson (Secretary), Mr. W. L. Alexander and Mr. Valentine (Shareholders) were present at the meeting.

The Chairman said: "You were informed from the Chair last year that the question of modernizing the plant was one which would in the near future engage the consideration of your Board. In February last a scheme was submitted by the Makers of the plant, and from this it is evident that more economical running would follow modernization. Your Directors, however, agreed that the outlook and prospects did not warrant adoption of the large scheme submitted, and it was decided to carry on as we are until such time as the demand for ice in Canton is greater and more constant than was the case in the year under review."

What has since transpired in Canton the decision to conserve resources was at least a fortunate one and I trust you approve.

Old fashioned but is nevertheless in sound condition and good for another four or five years.

I regret to report that sales of ice during the year under review did not come up to expectation and that since the closing of our books, sales further dropped due to the cholera scare and to the present political situation.

If you will refer to the Profit and Loss Accounts you will see that the balance of working account amounts to \$16,578.22, some \$1,800 less than was the case last year. Actually, revenue on ice sales and on Cold Storage was over \$5,000 down, but in Hongkong has sold out all stocks of four and 25-cent Coronation issues, and these have been temporarily replaced by the old George V stamps of the same denominations. Only 15 cent stamps of the Coronation issue are now available, and since there were no George V stamps of this denomination, they will not be replaced, when sold out, until a new George VI 15-cent stamp is issued.

Owing to the delay in printing George VI stamps, the Hongkong Post Office has been compelled to order a further supply of George V stamps.

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No air mail stamps will be issued in Hongkong. This type of stamp will become unnecessary when the Empire air mail scheme, under which all first class mail will be despatched by air, is brought into force early next year.

ACCIDENT NOT REPORTED

W. Harkinson of Whitfield Barracks was fined \$5 by Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning when he admitted a summons of having failed to report an accident to a police station on November 27.

Traffic-Sergeant Britton said that Harkinson knocked down a Chinese woman in Nam Chung Street, Kowloon, on November 27 and that on learning that the woman was only slightly hurt on the chin and that she did not wish the matter to be reported, Harkinson drove away and did not inform the police of the mishap as he should have done.

Imposing the fine Mr. Keen told Harkinson that even a very small accident had to be reported.

SHOP-LIFTER INTERRUPTED

Charged with the larceny of 20 pairs of socks, a married woman Lam Sai, 25, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

The complainant, Lo Hin-long, assistant manager of the Chin Emporium, said that at 5.15 yesterday afternoon the defendant was noticed standing near the counter of the stocking department, she placed her basket on the counter and put the stockings in it. As she was walking away she was stopped by the complainant and handed over to a watchman.

The defendant was fined \$20 or one month's imprisonment.

DANISH SHIP STOPPED

London, Dec. 16.

Lloyds have reported that an armed trawler in the Straits of Gibraltar stopped the Danish motorship, Charras, en route to Malaga from Baltimore. The vessel was taken to Culeta, but later released, and she has now arrived at Gibraltar.—*United Press*.

ARCTIC FLIER DECORATED

Washington, Dec. 16.

President Roosevelt has presented Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth with the Congressional Medal for his Arctic flight in 1935, in which he claimed 850,000 square miles for the United States.—*United Press*.

Directors Waive Fees

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12.30 Irish Songs.

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8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 London Relay—Christmas Is Coming.

An impression of London preparing for the holiday season.

8.10 Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) and E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

1. Nel verde maggio 'Loreley' (Cantantini); 2. Siciliana 'Cavalleria Rusticana' (Mascanini); 3. Quanto e bella 'L'elisir d'amore' (Donizetti); 4. Scena e Aria 'Going Greek' (Borodin); 5. Scena e Aria 'Going Greek' (Borodin); 6. Lauba separa dalla luce l'ombra (Tosti); 7. Perducatamente (Tosti); 8. Mamma mia che vo' sapes (Nullo).

9 Light Orchestral.

Nights At The Ballet, No. 3: Spectre of the Rose (Weber); Invitation to the Waltz; Prince Igor (Borodin); 'Polovtsian Dances'; Petrouchka (Stravinsky); 'Dance Russe' (Violin solo—Antonio Brosa); Three Corners Hand (de Falla); The Miller's Dance... Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Gocher.

Orchestra Pouppe Valsante (Poldini); 'Joyousness' (Haydn Wood) ... Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Gocher.

9.15 London Relay—Quarterly Technical Talk—1.

9.20 London Relay—The News.

9.30 Frank Merrick (Piano).

Piano Sonata In C Minor, Op. 1 No. 3 (John Field).

9.40 A. J. Muller (Soprano).

Dreams (Wagner); In The Hot-house (Wagner)... Piano accomp. by Ivor Newton.

10.10 Beethoven—Symphony No. 3 In E Flat Major, Op. 55 (Eroica).

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8.10 Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) and E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

1. Nel verde maggio 'Loreley' (Cantantini); 2. Siciliana 'Cavalleria Rusticana' (Mascanini); 3. Quanto e bella 'L'elisir d'amore' (Donizetti); 4. Scena e Aria 'Going Greek' (Borodin); 5. Scena e Aria 'Going Greek' (Borodin); 6. Lauba separa dalla luce

LOCAL RACING SEASON WILL CLOSE TO-MORROW

CLUB OFFICIALS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON SUCCESSFUL YEAR

PROSPECTS REVIEWED BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club will close its racing season to-morrow when the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be staged. The first saddling bell will be rung at the usual time, 1.30 p.m., sharp.

There are the usual eight events on the programme including three Autumn Champions over one and a quarter miles, confined respectively to old China ponies, subscription griffins of this year and the Australian ponies of any season. These three classics are for ponies that have started in at least four extra meetings of this Club during the year, two of such previous to July 1, and two subsequent to that date.

The attention of owners is drawn to the fact that nominations for the championship contest are post entries, but non-winners at the extra meetings are barred. Owners are also reminded that ponies whether Australian or China for any of the classics must be declared in writing as starters by posting their names in the declaration box in the usual manner.

It would undoubtedly give a false colouring should I attempt to suggest that there will be no opposition in these three championship events; but the convincing manner in which Gordito (sub-champion) and Gypsy Love (Australian champion) annexed the St. Leger run over a month ago argues very much in favour of their chances of duplicating their successes at the Autumn championships. The contest between Bear Claw, King's Warden and Wild Life is in my opinion, very open; in fact punters should be treated to one of the finest championship events for China steeds seen at Happy Valley.

There will be no more flat racing after to-morrow, but we will only have to exercise a little patience until the Annual Carnival in February, and I sincerely trust that during the interval I shall be able to spot the potential winners of the 1938 Valley Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Footy-Hill Derby. I will start to discuss the prospect of various candidates commencing from January 1.

Since does not permit at this juncture to review the 1937 racing season, but it must be admitted that the Hongkong Jockey Club has had a very successful year and the Stewards and the Officials have carried out their duties to the entire satisfaction not only to the members, but to the general public as well. We have had remarkable "sunshine" weather for this year's racing, the only "wet" meeting being at the Sixth Extra, and that was not too bad at all.

The main aspect of to-morrow's meeting is that many ponies of different classes have been barred from the handicap events so as to give other steeds a chance of making a few dollars to provide for their upkeep; and under the circumstances several public "idols" will not be seen in action. The fields will be on the small side, but the writer is prepared to guarantee that we shall see fine racing and a good day's sport.

Queensland Autumn Champions

Strathroy Unable To Accept

Strathroy is still on the walking list and her inability to accept in the Queensland Autumn Champions over 1½ miles will not only add interest to the pari-mutuel department, but will make the classic very open. I do not expect to see a good turn out, but it is the opinion of regular followers of racing that it will be one of the best Australian Champions ever run at Happy Valley. It has been a walk-over affair in the past, but with the regrettable absence of Strathroy, we shall certainly see a grim battle between the following probable starters:

Able Amazon (Mr. S. C. Liang)
Blandford (Mr. N. Deitz)
Centre Court (Mr. W. H. S. Davis)
Gypsy Love (Mr. B. L. Tao)
Lancashire Chips (Mr. H. C. Pih)

Electron and Home Brew are ineligible owing to the fact that they have not won a race at the Extra Meetings. After her easy run in the Fremantle St. Leger when she romped home first, ahead of Lancashire Chips, Gypsy Love has been held back especially for to-morrow's big classic event and this young damsel by Backwood is looking extremely well. Gypsy Love has never failed to run to a place since February last, but she has not won a race over the championship course and this little wanderer has to keep a sharp look-out for Able Amazon whose capability over 1½ miles requires no comment. The latter ran a wonderful race at the last meeting, but she was under the weight for inches, and speculation is rife among the early risers as to whether she can carry eleven pounds more against a young lady of this year. My reply is in the affirmative and I fancy Able Amazon will win.

GORDITO APPEARS THE BEST

Hongkong Sub Champions

We have no problem in spotting the winner of the Hongkong Autumn Sub-griffins Champions over 1¼ miles, for Gordito stands head and shoulders above all the other candidates, Coronation Day, National Anthem, Shipmaster and Whalsey. Pagan Love, the winner of the Valley Stakes, is ineligible owing to the fact that this cream pony has not turned out during the second half while Atomic Star and Tempest are barred through not winning a race at the extra meetings. The order of finish should be Gordito, Coronation Day and Shipmaster.

Hongkong Autumn Champions

Only Three Runners Likely To Start

I cannot see more than three runners, Bear Claw (Mr. D. Black), King's Warden (Mr. S. C. Liang) and Wild Life (Mr. S. W. Tang), in the Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies over one and a quarter miles, but should there be any more starters, they will be out to make up the field. Bear Claw has not been running too well after the recess, but to-morrow Mrs. Dunbar's candidate will face King's Warden on level terms on the basis of weight for inches as per scale and it will certainly be a fine struggle between these two steeds. The book of form shows that King's Warden was a better animal at the Annual Carnival, but when Easter came along, Bear Claw gave King's Warden a good knock out and, judging by the early morning performances, it looks to me that King's Warden will make amends. Wild Life will have a new jockey, Mr. S. W. Tang, but must not be disappointed and I would strongly recommend her to those who are out for handsome returns. She is looking extremely well and is in fine fettle.

CHAMPION RIDER

Black And Liang In The Running

To start with, we have Messrs D. Black and S. C. Liang racing neck and neck (each having 22 wins) for the honour of being champion rider; but judging by the booking of mounts the latter has Gordito, King's Warden and Able Amazon in the three major

LEAGUE LEADERS TO CLASH

Mixed Doubles Badminton

(By "Abo")

The Club de Recreio "A" and Kowloon Tong, the two leaders of the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, will clash this evening on the latter's court.

Unless something untoward occurs, I cannot see how the Club de Recreio players can lose although I realise that the Kowloon Tong team

MATCH POSTPONED

It is now announced that the game between the Club de Recreio and Kowloon Tong has been postponed until next Wednesday.

boasts of three well-balanced pairs. The Recreio ladies are too good to fear competition from any team in the Colony at the moment.

The programme in the Mixed Doubles League to-day is as follows: Talooko v St. Andrew's, Kowloon Tong v Recreio "A", Recreio "B" v University.

TENNIS ACE ON WAY HOME

FRAULEIN HORN IN SINGAPORE

Contrary to expectations, Fraulein Marie Horn, who was seen in action in Hongkong last month, did not come to Australia with the other German tennis aces, Baron Gottfried von Cramm and Henner Henkel. She went with them and the manager of the team, Dr. Heinrich Klein, who, as far as Manila, and from there she embarked on the Norddeutscher Lloyd liner Gneissau for Germany.

She arrived in Singapore on December 8, but did not play any tennis there.

events against Mr. Black's reservation of Shipmaster, Bear Claw and Ranger—it does make me feel that Mr. Liang's chance is very bright. I am not accepting any wagers, but I have a strong hunch that the Tsingtau champion winners. Should he be successful, Mr. Liang will be the first jockey to perform the feat. It is interesting to relate that Mr. Leo Frost got very near to it in 1933, but was frustrated by the withdrawal of Diana Bay after "weighing out" owing to an injection of arceyl having been administered within the prohibited period. A statement was issued by the Secretary of the Jockey Club reading as follows:

"By order of the Stewards Diana Bay was withdrawn from the race for the Hongkong Autumn Champions owing to the fact that an injection of Arceyl had been administered within the prohibited period. The Stewards are fully satisfied that there was no intent on the part of the owner or his representatives to contravene the Rules."

It was therefore, a technical point, but had the mare faced the starter, Diana Bay would have won with the greatest of ease and this, coupled with the success of Warrington and Woodland Stag, would have given Mr. Leo Frost the honour of riding three champion ponies in one afternoon.

LAGGARDS' HANDICAP

Ranger To Carry Limit Load

I have good reason to believe that all the eight entries will accept the weights allotted to them in the Laggards' Handicap over a mile for Australian ponies of any season. Ranger holds the post of honour with the limit load of 165 lbs. and if this representative of Messrs. Johnson and Alabaster can break even with the barrier, I think it is a good bet to have your money on. He is a terribly bad starter, but is a good animal especially among this lot. Racing fiend will be the mount of Mr. H. C. Pih instead of Mr. B. Froulx who has gone north on business. This chestnut gelding has been kindly treated and so is Bag Tor. The latter has only 144 lbs. to shoulder and Bag Tor due for a win. Aztec will be running under the new rule of the stable Hung instead of Mrs. Dunbar's colours, but I am afraid the mile is not to her liking.

QUEER ALLOTMENT OF WEIGHTS

Ebony Idol Has A Heavy Poundage

The official handicapper has framed a funny allotment of the pound-

Cricket Notes

Tea Interval Just A Waste Of Time

SATURDAY AFTERNOON TOO SHORT AS IT IS

In my article of Tuesday's date I left the League game rather late and it got crowded out. I refer to the match between C.C.C. second eleven and the Army side. It was quite a close thing as the Craigengower bowlers rather pinned down the Army batsmen who found it difficult to score fast. Northcote alone really got going. The result was that they found themselves forced to declare at 138 for eight wickets, which is definitely on the small side.

When Craigengower came to bat they found Hatfield in his usual good form and he kept most of them pretty quiet. D. Hung and C. A. Lee were the only batsmen to do much, but they did enough to run the Army very close. Hung made 49 and Lee 22. I notice that there were no less than 25 extras. By the way, may I mention for the information of one of the scorers that "played on" is recorded as "bowled"? About this game, I have heard some of the hardy annual remarks about the waste of time on the tea interval. I have never been able to understand why it should be necessary to have tea at all on a Saturday afternoon as it would seem to be an apology for your lunch and an insult to your dinner, apart from wasting a quarter of an hour of an all-too-short afternoon. If it is necessary it would be perfectly easy for the batting side to have tea just before declaration, while the fielding side could have theirs on coming in. Everyone has admitted this for years but nothing has ever been done about it. I can only suppose that the home side is afraid of appearing to be inhospitable if the teams do not sit down together. Personally I think it is all nonsense. It is a cricket match, not a garden party.

AN EXPENSIVE MISS

Kilbee got a very hard hit century (101) against the Indian Recreation Club and as he was dropped with his score at one it is easy to see how expensive these fielding errors are. As a matter of fact I was told that the catch though a perfectly simple one was right in the eye of the sun and, as someone remarked, "the ball might just as well have dropped on the fielders' face for all he knew about it." Kilbee was also dropped at 11, 27 and 47 but seeing he was hitting against time and that he scored 101 out of the 151 runs scored by his side, he deserved his good fortune. Actually the Indians had put up 145 with R. Abbas, S. A. Esmail and A. Baker playing good innings. They were, however, not at full strength and missed Nazarin a good deal. The Club had a very weak side with one Kowloon man, two of the regular second and one or two infrequent players turning out for them. Swain bowled very well to take five for 41, but he is apt to be erratic.

VOLUNTEERS DEFEATED

Last Sunday on paper the Volunteers appeared to have had quite a strong team though admittedly their bowling was weak. The Navy knocked them about all over the place. Whitmarsh was as usual getting near to a century when they declared while Cotman knocked up 43. Facing a total of 209 the Volunteers went all to pieces before the fast bowling of Sub-Lieut. Kyrie who shot out Teddy Fincher, Perry, Tom. Mader and Kilbee almost immediately. He then went off and Cotman continued the good work. I do not know who captained the Volunteers, but if current form has anything to do with it, McKenzie might well have gone in second wicket and one or two of the others last. They were all out for 711. It was a poor performance, for the side should have been worth at least a hundred and fifty.

OBITUARY

It was with the deepest regret that I read of the death of an old friend, Richard Arthur Brabazon Ponsonby-Fane. It is over twenty years ago since I first met him in the days when he was Private Secretary to Sir Henry May and for a year or two at least he used to play for the Civil Service Cricket Club on Saturdays. He was a really fine wicket-keeper who never used pads and, I believe, in his younger days seldom wore gloves. As a bowler of lobs he was perhaps more unexpected than dangerous, but as a batsman he was indeed a thorn in the bowlers' sides. Crouching low down he played an entirely defensive game—indeed when playing back he had a trick of slipping his hand half-way down the blade of the bat and patting the ball to rest in his block. But when the impatient bowler sent down a full toss it was well and truly dealt with and I have never seen a man take so many impertinent short runs with impunity. "Pon Pon" as he was affectionately nicknamed, was one of the members of the I. Zingari who strictly obeyed the club rule that if struck the player must not rub the injured spot. I have seen him take some terrific blows quite imperturbably. It is probable that as a cricketer Ponsonby-Fane never passed the good club standard, but few men have ever surpassed him in his love of the game, and by no one was the spirit of cricket more clearly expressed. Nor did he love cricket for himself alone. He was an indefatigable coach and it is impossible to praise too highly the splendid and untiring work he did for the cricket of the Hongkong University. He raised its standard to one well matched with that of other First League teams and so thorough was his work that it lasted long after he had passed on from the Colony. He was one of the older generation of cricketers, of the type who seldom see in these degenerate days. Cricket has lost much by his death, but he will long be remembered by many of us in Hongkong.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

So far as the cards show the Army and Recreio first elevens have no engagements to-morrow. The other six teams are engaging in non-league encounters and as the Triangular Tournament is at hand the Navy and Club game will no doubt be regarded in the nature of a trial by their selectors. It is on the Club Ground and should be very interesting as there seems more keenness in the Navy than anywhere else in the local cricket world at present. Craigengower are at home to the Kowloon Cricket Club and the latter side ought to start by taking down into a regular league team. The fewer changes in personnel during the season, the better results as a rule. Civil Service go down to Sookunpoo to play the I.R.C. and if the latter are not at full strength they might win, as they are a much improved side.

THE SECOND DIVISION

The only friendly is between K.C.C. (at home) and Craigengower in the league game some weeks ago K.C.C. were lucky to avoid defeat and they have not been too convincing lately. Of the four league games—home teams first—Recreio should just beat University, and the Navy have been doing so well I think they have a good chance of defeating the Police unless Pope has another field day. Between Army "A" and the Club there should be a good level game unless the Club second gets weakened by calls from a depleted first eleven. As regards C.S.C.C. and Army "B," I feel reminded of a friend of mine at Happy Valley who, after regarding the list

By "R. Abbit"

COUNTY CRICKET CAPTAINS

Fewer Amateurs Available

London, Nov. 20.

Although the cricket season is far distant, several counties will be busy between now and next spring solving their captaincy problems.

Gone are the days when young men of leisure, with rich and indulgent fathers, could captain a county cricket team from May to September. With few exceptions England's amateur cricketers have to work for their living and every season the task of finding a man who can afford the time to lead a county eleven becomes more difficult.

The latest skipper to drop out is R. A. Ingle, who, although the changes were rung so frequently on his players, made such an excellent job of piloting Somerset. The usual reason—increasing business ties—has caused him to relinquish office.

Surrey are still searching for a captain, for E. R. T. Holmes has yet to contradict his statement that he cannot handle the side next summer, though there is hope that he will change his mind.

Kent were in difficulties all last summer over their captain. They could not get one to act regularly, and several took a turn. They have since been informed that R. T. Bryan, who acted in most 1937 matches, will not be available, owing to his duties in the banking profession; but happily F. G. H. Chalk has agreed to step into the breach.

Essex are in a dilemma of another kind. Last summer they had to use two captains, T. N. Pearce and D. R. Wilcox, and the arrangement worked well, Pearce, who is in the wine trade taking one half of the season, Wilcox the other.

Now Wilcox, who is a master at a Westcliff school, finds he can devote the whole of next season to cricket so it looks as if Essex will make a definite choice.

New Scrum Laws Being Broken

—Says R.U. President

Major-General B. A. Hill, president of the Rugby Union, speaking at the jubilee dinner of the Lydney R.F.C. last night, criticised the methods employed by scrum half-backs and forwards.

"From some parts of the country," he said, "reports are coming in that the new laws regarding the putting of the ball into the scrum are not being followed in that the ball is still being rolled in. I want to take this opportunity to say that this is inexcusable and most deplorable."

"Surely it is simple enough for a half-back, with a little practice, to throw the ball so that it pitches inside the scrum? If it does this, it gives less time for unfair hooking, and, if it is thrown with moderate speed, it cannot pitch too far."

"Why isn't it done?" asked Major-General Hill. "Is it not their senseless desire to get the ball at any price, fairly or otherwise? Let us get back to proper scrummaging."

of starters in a mile race, murmured firmly "None of them can possibly win!" Both sides are weak and if the C.S.C.C. had any batting I would back their bowlers to pull them through. Unfortunately they have no consistent rungetter.



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The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY, on Saturday, 18th December, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1937.

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BOXERS
RANKED IN
AUSTRALIAOne Heavyweight
Included

Sydney, N.S.W., Nov. 15. Stadiums, Ltd., Sydney, prior to the opening of the boxing season at Rushcutters Bay, issued a ranking of all the leading boxers in Australia, as a guide for its match-making.

Boxers whose names are not included will be given every encouragement to develop.

Ron Richards is the only heavyweight ranked.

Other rankings are:
Middleweights: Ron Richards (Champion); Fred Henneberry, 2; Max Rayner, Tommy Vaughan, Jack Wilson (equal 3); Jack Brander, Des Brander (equal 4); Johnny Shields (Vic), Jim Mitchell, Johnny Foster (equal 5).

Welterweights: Jack Carroll (Champion); Dick Humphreys and Herb Bishop (equal 2); Alan Westbury, Jerry Leonard and "Hock" Kuskey (equal 4).

Lightweights: Alf Blatch (Champion); "Hockey" Bennett and Ted Morgan (equal 2); Bob Arlene, Hughie McEgan and Jimmy Dundee (equal 4).

Junior Lightweights: "Chikka" Hobbe, Ces Rogers (equal 1).

Featherweights: Mickey Miller (Champion); George Elliott and Joe Hall (equal 2); Harry Cohen, Frank Farrington, Harry Summers and Max Richards (equal 4); "Young" Roberts, Hughie Hobson (Vic), Tommy Mack (Qld); Billy Funderas (equal 8).

Bantamweights: Mickey Miller (Champion); Billy Fullman, Rollo Hinton, Vic Valsey, and Joe Kerwick (equal 2).

SCHOOL HOCKEY

Ellis Kadoorie Indian School had an easy win at hockey over the Gap Road School yesterday. Five goals were scored by the Indians, Gap Road replying with one.

The first half was even. Time scored first for the Indians but Gap Road equalised soon after through Wong Lu-chung.

In the second half the Indian school swarmed the goal and added four more goals through Anar Rahman (3) and Khazan Singh (1).



This romantic dance frock of delicate pink mousseline is worn by Barbara Stanwyck, one of Hollywood's most outstanding dramatic actresses, in RKO Radio's romantic comedy, "Breakfast for Two." She plays and has her eggs and toast opposite Herbert Marshall.



Salsa and Anis, one of the most popular dance teams to visit Hongkong. They are now appearing at the Hongkong Hotel in conjunction with Volky's Midnight Follies.

RACING
PROSPECTS
REVIEWED

(By "Captain Foster")

(Continued from Page 3.)

age; in fact it can be established as a record, for he has set Ebony Idol, owned by Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, to shoulder 160 lbs. in the Dillatory Handicap while the balance of the entries have to carry the lowest impost of 140 lbs. The run is a short sprint over six furlongs confined to the last line of defence, but the ban on ponies that have won more than \$1,000 in stakes has precluded several "so-so" nags from entering, and if Ebony Idol does not cross the wire first tomorrow, there must be something radically wrong with Lt.-Col. Dowbiggin's charger. National Faith is a good gin over short distance, but Phillander is a good chap to have \$5 each way.

FIRST LEG OF
DAILY DOUBLEFive Starters For
Tardy Handicap

For the first leg of the "daily double" event, we have only five ponies from which to select the winner and the Tardy Handicap, over a mile, is to be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. Tyne has some weight to think about, but he is a good leader and he should be well up at the finish. I fancy him with Jungle Jim and Soldier of China to follow behind.

SECOND LEG OF
DAILY DOUBLEA Great Time Has
Good Chance

The Last Chance Handicap for "C" class among the Australian ponies has drawn only seven starters and incidentally this will be the second leg of the "daily double." A Great Time and Stratherrick are new comers and both have been allotted the limit load and so has Discovery Boy. My vote is A Great Time, but Discovery Boy is dangerous.

FINAL EVENT

Biggest Field May
Be Seen Here

The biggest field of the meeting will probably be seen in the last event, the Final Handicap for "D" class China ponies, and it is more than likely we shall have over ten starters. In perusing the list of en-

FANLING GOLF

Draw For Captain's Cup
1937 Competition

Two matches comprise the first round of the 1937 Captain's Cup competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, the remainder of the players receiving byes into the second round. The following is the draw:

1st Round.—T. E. Pearce (15) v. G. F. O'Brien (17); A. A. Bremner (14) v. D. S. Edward (4).
Byes.—Major T. C. B. Shannon (9), A. Morse (12), G. H. Henry (18), G. A. Stewart (13), W. Sharp (9), I. H. Geare (11), A. D. Humphreys (10), J. B. Mackie (6), J. S. Dunnett (10), J. H. Seth (18), D. L. Prophet (14), J. E. Jupp (9), H. N. Williamson (13), Col. H. H. Blake (6).

The 1st Round is to be played on or before January 2; 2nd. Round on or before January 16; 3rd. Round on or before January 30; Semi-final on or before February 13; and the Final on or before February 27.

The results of the L. G. U. Medal Competition of the Ladies' Section, Royal Hongkong Golf Club, played on December 14 were as follows:

Silver Medal (Old Course).—Mrs. Whyte Smith 90-10=80.
Bronze Medal (New Course).—Miss Stevens 108-30=78.

SOFTBALL TEAM

The following will represent the Central British Association against the Filipino Club in their Softball League fixture on Sunday, on the C. B. A. ground at 11 a.m.:
W. Muir (Capt.), G. Gurevitch, G. Fowler, S. Macnider, S. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, V. J. King, T. Gaubert, D. S. Blake, E. Fowler and C. Spradbury.

UNOFFICIAL TEST

Sydney, Dec. 16. In an unofficial lawn tennis test played in Sydney to-day, Australia and the United States each won a singles match. John Bromwich (Australia) beat Gene Make 6-3, 6-2, 6-1, and Donald Budge (United States) defeated Adrian Quist 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-0.—Reuter Bulletin.

tries, I notice that there are no less than ten ponies carrying not more than 145 lbs. and it looks that the winner is among this lot. The old warrior, Valorous, has just three pounds above the lowest impost and if he has not lost his fighting prowess, I cannot see how he can fail to cross the wire first! Valorous has not been in the limelight too often this year, but he has certainly a sporting chance of registering his first win of the season. Gold Coin is worth the investment of a few dollars and I also like Sylvandale.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Club To Clash
With Army

A Triangular Tournament rugby football game will be seen on the Army ground at Sookunpoo tomorrow, when the Army meets the Club. The game will commence at 4 p.m. and will be preceded by a match between H.M.S. Adventure and the Club "A" XV at 2.45 p.m. Surg. Lt./Comdr. Nicholson will referee the Triangular Tournament game.

The Club sides have been selected as follows:
1st XV.—N. W. MacGrath, D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, W. E. Grieve, H. van Leeuwen, A. H. R. Butcher, J. L. Bohner, K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, A. W. Holden, W. E. Peers, B. Hynes, J. C. Miller (Captain), A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman.

"A" XV.—F. Cessford, A. H. Murray, E. Taverner, M. C. Carruthers, H. F. Hopkins, C. W. Lyle, R. Rutherford, A. S. Olsen, J. S. Dunnett (Captain), T. H. Pratt, G. L. Eastgate, T. Swan, A. G. Dalziel, K. H. G. White and J. K. Birt.

ARMY FIFTEEN

The following will represent the Army in the Triangular Tournament match against the Club:

Sgt. Gill (R.A.O.C.), Capt. Maisey (R.A.M.C.), Capt. Harvey (R.A.M.C.), Lieut. Rainey (Seaforth), 2/Lt. Cluverall (Middlesex), 2/Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex), Lt. MacLagan (Seaforth), Lieut. Beadnell (Middlesex), Capt. Gillespie (R.E.), Lt. Crawford (R.C.S.), 2/Lt. A. MacLagan (Seaforth), Cpl. Wainscot (R.C.S.), Sgt. Moore (Middlesex), Sgt. Marshall (Middlesex) and Lt. Lincoln (R.U.R.).

CRICKET TEAMS

Recreio Players For
Week-end

The following have been chosen to represent the Club de Recrio 1st XI against the Craigenower C.C. in a whole day match on Sunday, December 19, commencing at 11 a.m. sharp at King's Park:

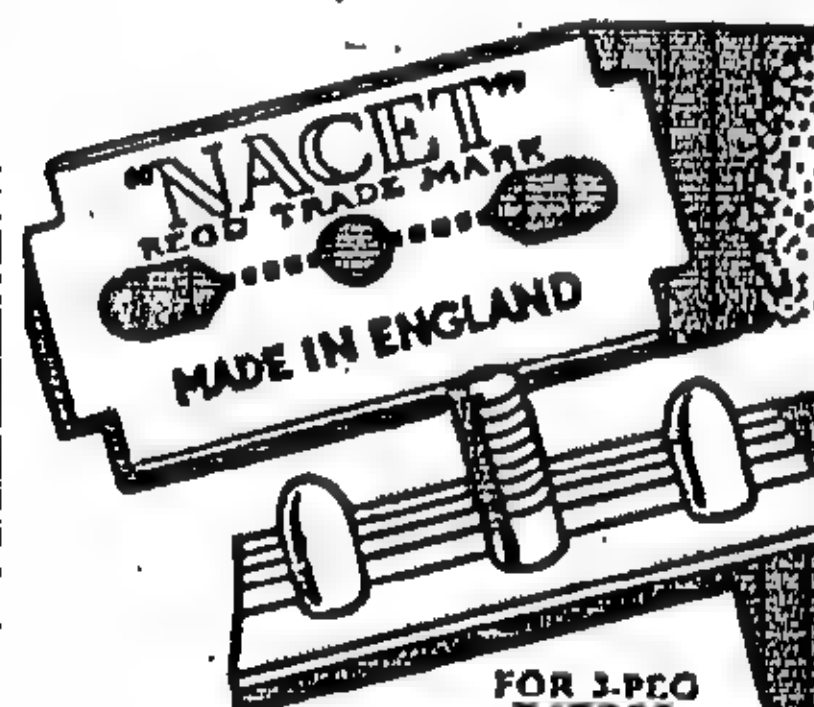
E. L. Gosano, A. M. Rodrigues, A. M. Prata, W. A. Reed, P. M. N. du Silva, Jr., H. L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, A. V. Gosano, N. A. Beltrao, E. A. R. Alves and L. G. Gosano.

2nd XI League match against H.K. University, Saturday, December 18, commencing 2.00 p.m. sharp home ground.

F. H. Carvalho, E. A. R. Alves, L. G. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, A. E. Noronha, H. N. Xavier, A. A. Lopes, M. Mendonca, R. A. Marques, J. Soares, C. P. Basto.

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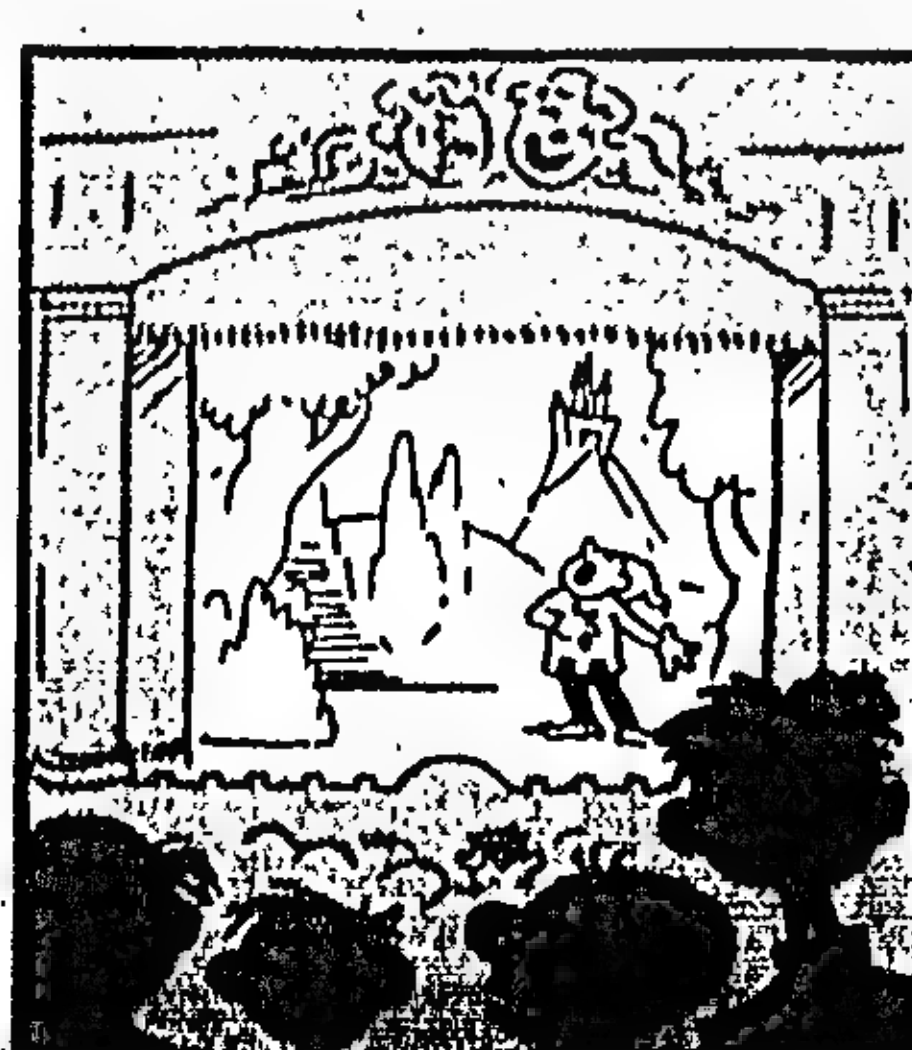
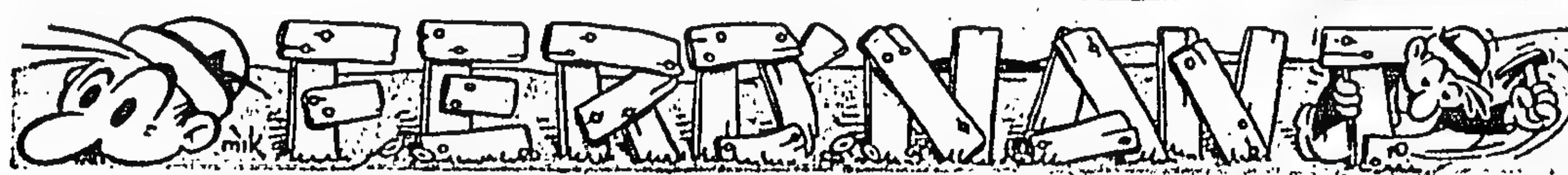
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The Hongkong Clipper will be replaced on the Manila-Hongkong air route this week by the larger China Clipper, which is regularly employed on the Alameda-Manila route.

Instead of terminating its trans-Pacific flight at Manila, and transferring passengers and mail into a smaller machine, the China Clipper will continue on to this Colony, carrying a large consignment of Christmas mail.

The Hongkong Clipper will be removed from the Manila-Hongkong service for approximately one month, during which time she will be employed on surveying the route of the new Pan-American Airways trans-Pacific service between Honolulu and New Zealand. This service will be inaugurated early next month, ultimately linking with Australia and existing Imperial Airways services to Europe and the Far East.

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Berlin	12.30 1/2	12.30 1/2
Athens	5.47 1/2	5.47 1/2
Milan	9.41 1/2	9.5/32
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Oslo	19.90	19.90
Helsingfors	22.9 1/2	22.9 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.09 1/2	4.09 1/2
Vienna	26 1/2	26 1/2
Amsterdam	8.90 1/2	8.90 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2

FRENCH VISITOR

The French sloop Dumont d'Urville arrived in harbour this morning and saluted the Admiral's flag, H.M.S. Cumberland replying.

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Belgrade	216	216
Montevideo	39 1/2	39 1/2
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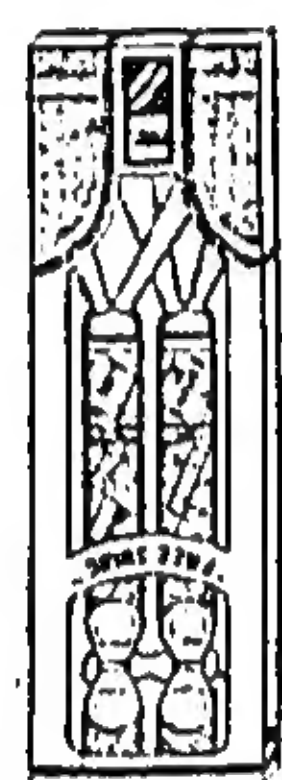


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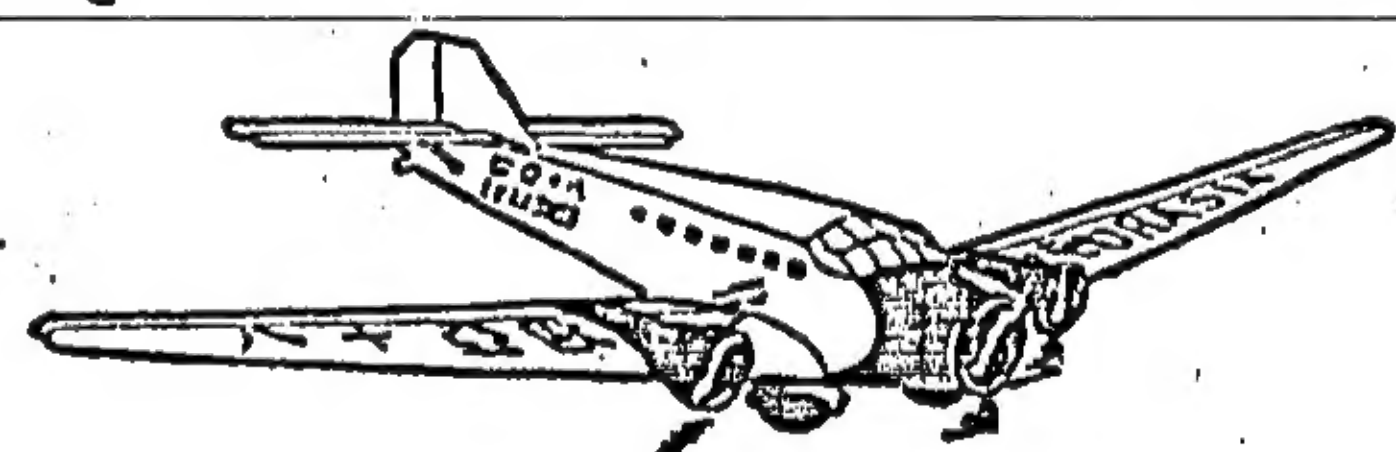
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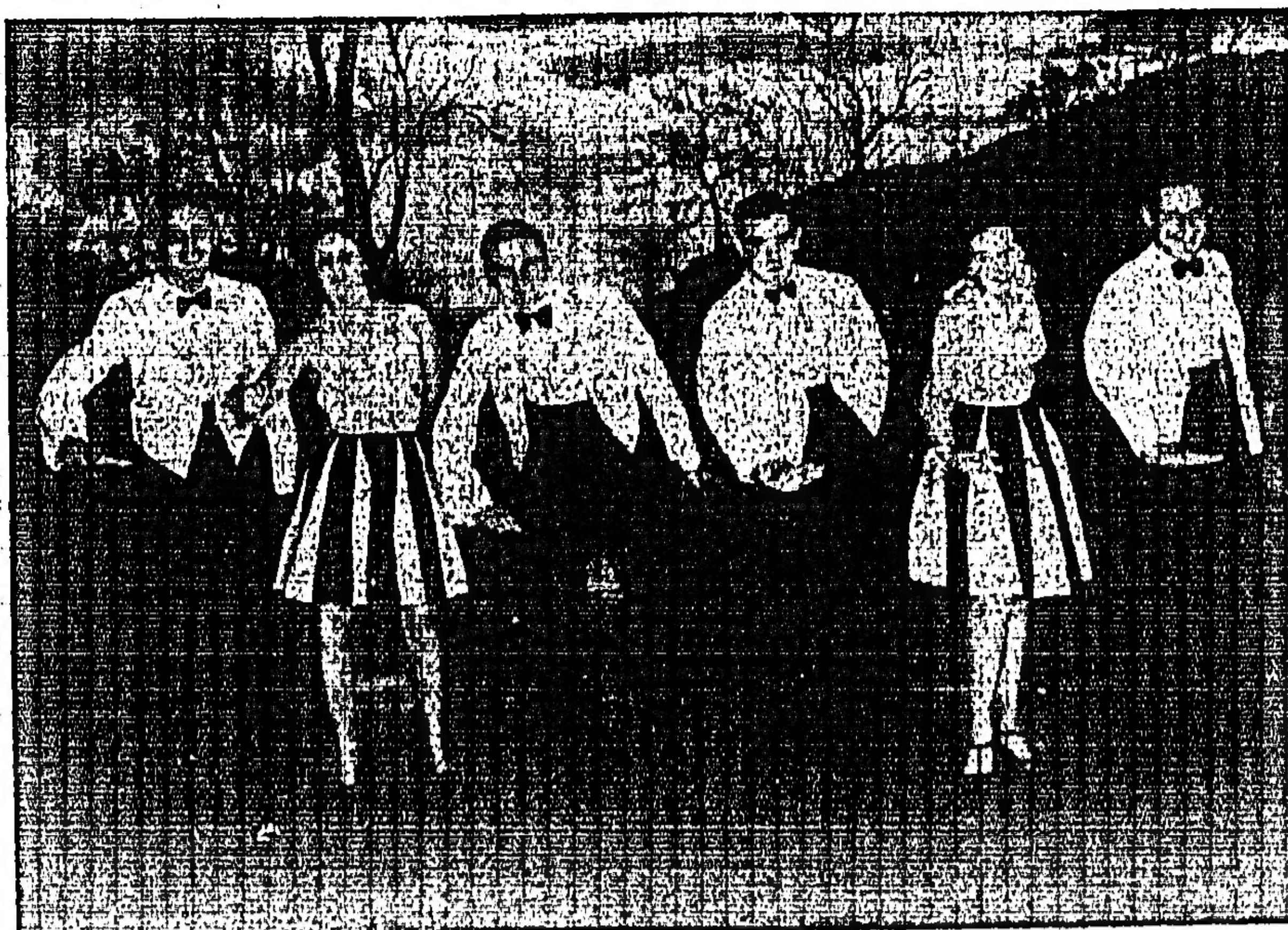
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"Hullo Hongkong" is the title of a revue to be staged by local amateur players at the China Fleet Club on Wednesday next. This picture shows members of the cast during a rehearsal this week. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks	
H.K. Banks, \$1,505 n.	
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £91 b.	
Chartered Bank, £12½ n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £32½ b.	
Mercantile Bank, C., £15 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$80 n.	
Insurances	
Canton Ins., \$27½ n.	
Union Ins., \$516 n.	
China Underwriters, \$150 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$246 n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$48¼ b.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$8.10 b.	
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$51 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$43 n.	
Shell Bearer, 97/8 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$118 n.	
H.K. & W. Docks, \$28.25 n.	
Providents (old), \$2 b.	
Providents (new), 35 cts. n.	
New Engineering, Sh.—	
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—	
Kailan Mining Adm. 18/3 n.	
Raub, \$8.10 n. Ev. Div.	
Venz: Goldfield, \$5 n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamok, P. 40 n.	
Atoks, P. 16 n.	
Baguio Gold, P. 15 n.	
Benquet Consol., 880 n.	
Benquet-Explos., P.—	
Big Wedge, P.—	
Coco Grove, P. 35½ n.	
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 n.	

Demonstrations, P. 33½ n.	
E. Mindanao, P.—	
Gumaus G'fields, P.—	
Ipo Gold, P.—	
I.X.L. P. 52 n.	
Rogons, P.—	
Masbate Consols., P.—	
Mln. Resources, P.—	
Northern Min., P.—	
Paracale Gumaus, P.—	
Sanacot Mining, P.—	
San Maurice, P. 42 n.	
Suyoc Consol., P. 14½ n.	
United Paracales, P. 41½ n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.20 n.	
H.K. Lands, \$32 n.	
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.	
Shai Lands, Sh.—	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—	
Humphries, \$8½ n.	
H.K. Realities, \$4.85 n.	
Chinese Estates, \$88 n.	
China Realities, Sh.—	
China Deben, —	

Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$13.30 n.	
Peak Trams (old), \$7½ n.	
Peak Trams (new), \$3½ n.	
Yamutai Ferries (old), \$24½ n.	
Star Ferries, \$80 n.	
China Light (old), \$11 b. and sa.	
China Lights (new) C. R. \$10.80 b.	
H.K. Electric, \$52½ b.	
Macao Electric, 10 b.	
Sandakan Lights, \$14¼ n.	
Telephone (old), \$20¼ n.	
Telephone (new), \$9.30 n.	
China Buses, Sh.—	
Singapore Tracings, 23/8 n.	
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.	
Industrials	
Cald: Mack. (old), Sh.—	
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh.—	
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.	
Cement, \$12¼ n.	
H.K. Ropes, \$3.80 n.	
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farm, \$24 n.	

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T.T. France	9.10
T.T. Germany	70½
T.T. Switzerland	133¼
T.T. Australia	170½

Buying

4 m/s L/C London	1/3¼
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3.5/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	31½
4 m/s France	9.65
30 d/s India	83¼
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.89¼

Watsons, \$4.75 n.	
Lane Crawfords, \$8.00 n.	
Sinceres, \$1.75 n.	
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.	
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. n.	
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons Sh. \$12.00 n.	
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. \$77 n.	
Zong Sings, Sh.—	
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—	
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Entertainments, \$5.00 n.	
Constructions (old), \$1.00 n.	
Constructions (new), \$1.00 n.	
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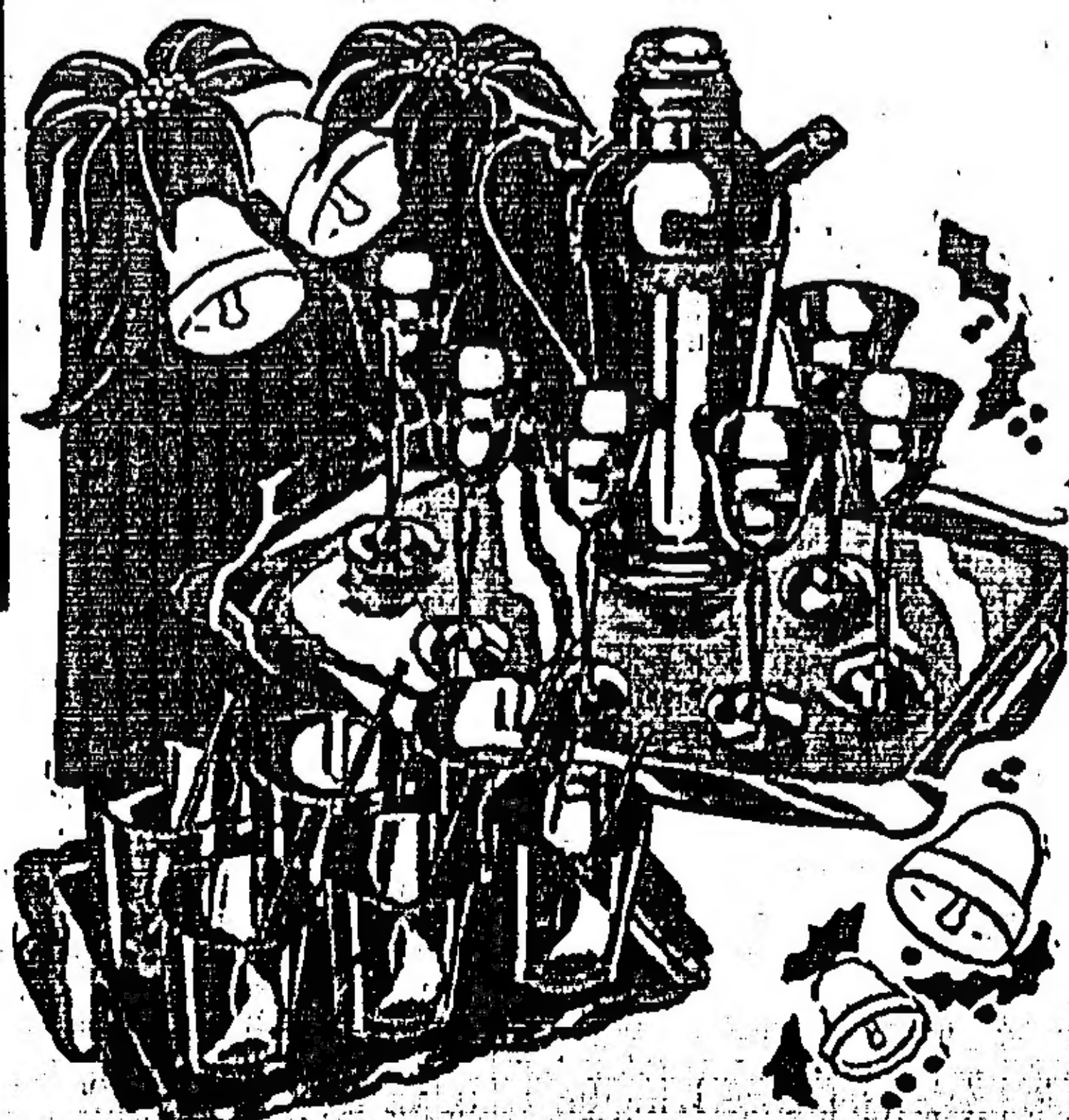
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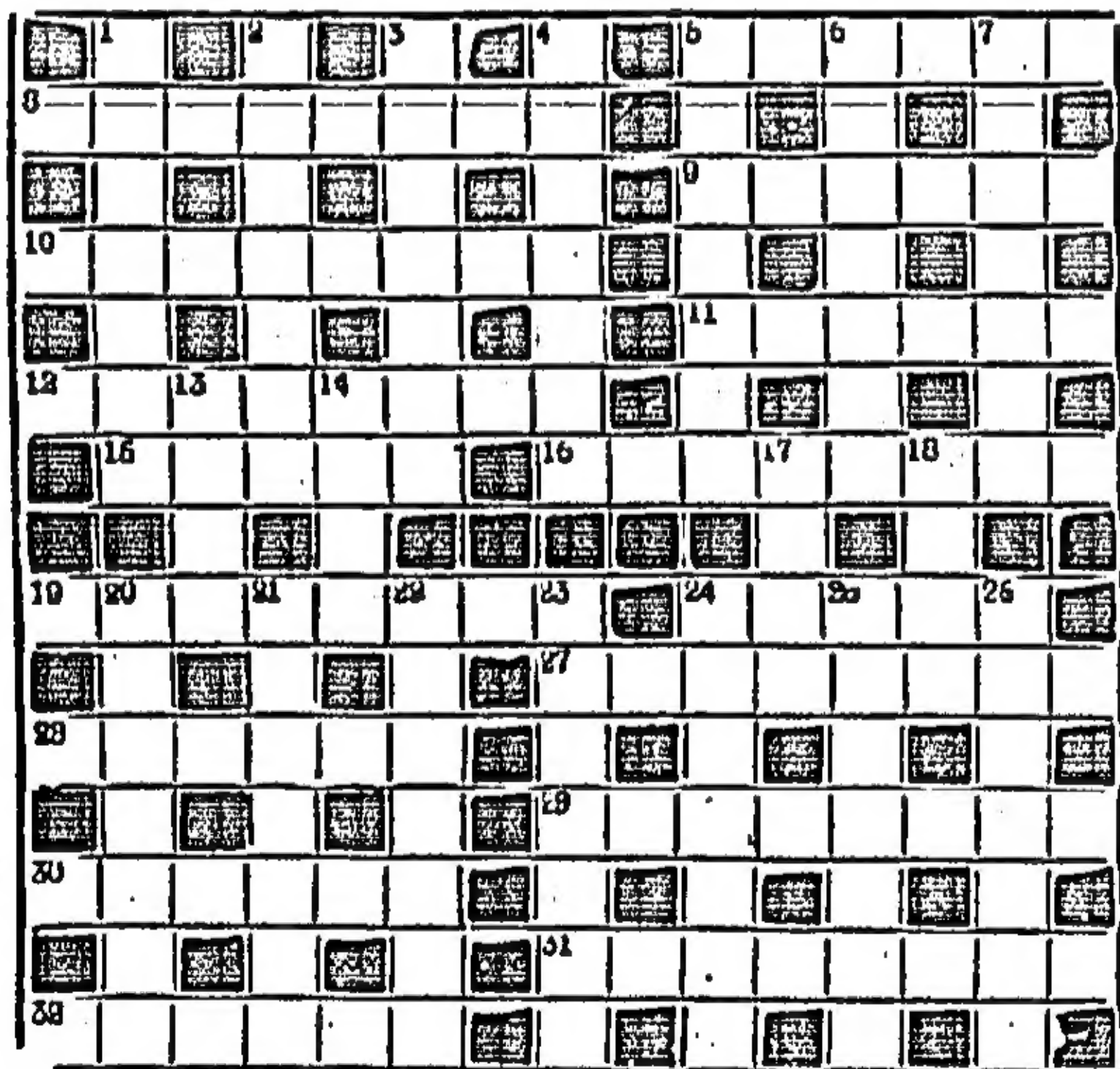
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- 8 Hidden (8).
- 10 State sounding like a light-weight (8).
- 11 The right man to deliver the goods (8).
- 12 He may advise a magistrate (8).
- 16 Form of shade the chieftain of the departed were thought to inhabit (8).
- 18 Undignified proceeding, this (J).
- 19 No epithet for the copyist (8).
- 24 Keen arrangement of musical instruments (8).
- 27 Joyous pandemonium marks the end (8).
- 28 A master production in the flowing style (8).
- 29 Riches have a certain end (8).
- 30 It is our privilege to put an end to indulgence (8).
- 31 A frank quality in character (8).
- 32 Initially withered, but entirely calm (8).

DOWN

- 1 Stain with black stuff at first (7).
- 2 Bereaved but again consoled at last (7).
- 3 As for this animal there is one in a spot in Hampstead (7).
- 4 Something to be made up (7).
- 5 His intentions may be sinister or merely mathematical (7).
- 6 Save with final purpose (7).
- 7 Advice to engine tenders, and the source of the means to carry it out (7).

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Don't Play Cards With Strangers

"LOOK here, it's all wrong," cried the tenderfoot, in the Far West mining-camp. "The dealer has dealt himself all four aces."

"W-e-l-l," drawled one of the other players, "it's his deal, ain't it?" Things are not done quite so crudely among more civilised gamblers. It is a common trick, however, for a pack of apparently new cards to be "readed" as a preliminary to fleecing some tender young lamb, and there are various ways of doing this.

Sometimes the high cards are "shaved" with a razor blade, an imperceptibly thin silver being cut from the sides. In dealing, the clever and sensitive fingers of the sharper can detect the kings and aces thus prepared, which gives him a good idea of the honours in his victim's hand.

A more elaborate and more accurate method of finding out where each card is, and the value, consists in tampering with the design on the back. A tiny spot of shading, done with a fine pen and Indian ink, will enable each card to be easily identified.

Tell-Tale Dots

This was the trick employed by a sharper who robbed a Cambridge undergraduate of large sums of money away back in the early years of the present century.

The undergraduate was more wide-awake than anybody thought, and gave the swindler into custody. He was tried at the Assizes, and the prepared pack was brought into Court, the cheated undergraduate, more alert than many of his tribe, having had the presence of mind to collar it. On the back was a design of cyclists. An almost invisible speck of ink, according to its position on the figures, told the sharper the value of the card. He was thus able to tell every card his hand-capped opponent held. The reward of his labour and ingenuity was six months imprisonment.

The swindler using this method of helping "Lady Luck" to make up her mind which side to be on has to have particularly keen eyesight. However, there was one cardsharpener "working" the ocean liners who protected his apparently weak eyes with a pair of dark glasses. In spite of this disability he had marvellous good fortune, and he and his confederates relieved those who sat in the game with them of very large sums.

Their method was novel and ingenious. Every card was marked with a small spot of luminous paint. Of course, this was quite invisible in the light, but it showed up brightly to the swindler with the dark specs.

Feeling his Way

Some sharpers play with an unmarked pack, but have their ways of assisting fortune as the game goes on. The famous, or infamous, Lord de Ros was one of these. He would make a small nick in the backs of the high cards with his finger-nail. With his peculiar nicty of touch, he would recognise the cards he had so distinguished as play progressed; and it was noticed that he always dealt with some amount of deliberation. While he was dealing he was feeling for the marks he had previously made.

Lord de Ros's uncanny luck aroused suspicion, and for a long time, in the Gresham Club, and wherever else he played, he was watched. A last, those who had his lordship under surveillance got the evidence they wanted, and he was denounced. He had the spirit to bring an action for slander against his accusers, but the jury found for the defendants. This was the end of Lord de Ros. He disappeared from London society.

An extraordinary story was told about a Spanish gambler well known in "fast" circles in London. According to this history, the Don had the brilliant idea of fleecing the enormous

wealthy sugar-growers and tobacco-planters of Cuba.

He shipped to the island a large cargo of marked cards. Then he bought up every other pack there was to be got, with the result that there were no cards to play with but those he had previously "readed." Whether he ever reaped the reward of his bright idea, history does not relate. To anyone looking at this story critically, it might appear that the task of marking every card in hundreds of packs would be so long and wearisome as to exhaust the patience of even the most dogged gambler.

Helpful Mirrors

Let us return to authenticated facts. There are mechanical devices for assisting fortune known to some sharpers. There is, for instance, a tiny sort of shelf for fitting to the underside of the table. This is to hold an ace or king until the proper time comes for revealing it.

If one of the players carelessly places his pipe by his side it is time for the other gamblers to look out. It may be a pipe that is more than a pipe, and have a little round mirror in the bowl. By means of this the owner can see the reflection of each card as he deals it, when the deal comes round to him.

A similar device was used by a gambler who possessed a beautiful big silver cigarette-case. He laid it on the table, and the highly-polished surface acted as a mirror. But there is one infallible way of avoiding losing your money to cheats—and that is: make a rule never to play cards except with people you know.

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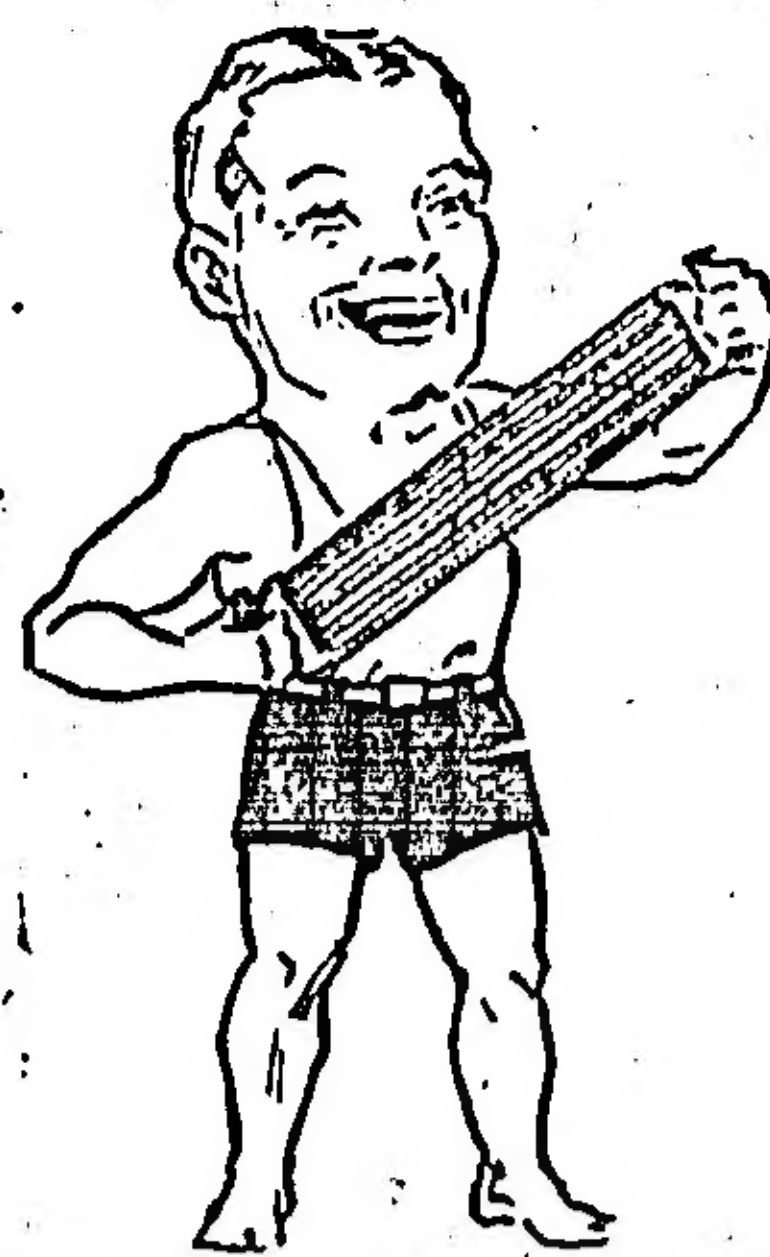
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Official announcement from Vatican City stated that Pope Pius has created five Cardinals of the Catholic Church. Above are three of them. Left to right: Arthur Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, England; Giuseppe Pizzardo, Archbishop of Nicea and Vatican Ecclesiastical Secretary; and Giovanni Piazzi, Patriarch of Venice, who have been presented with red hats.



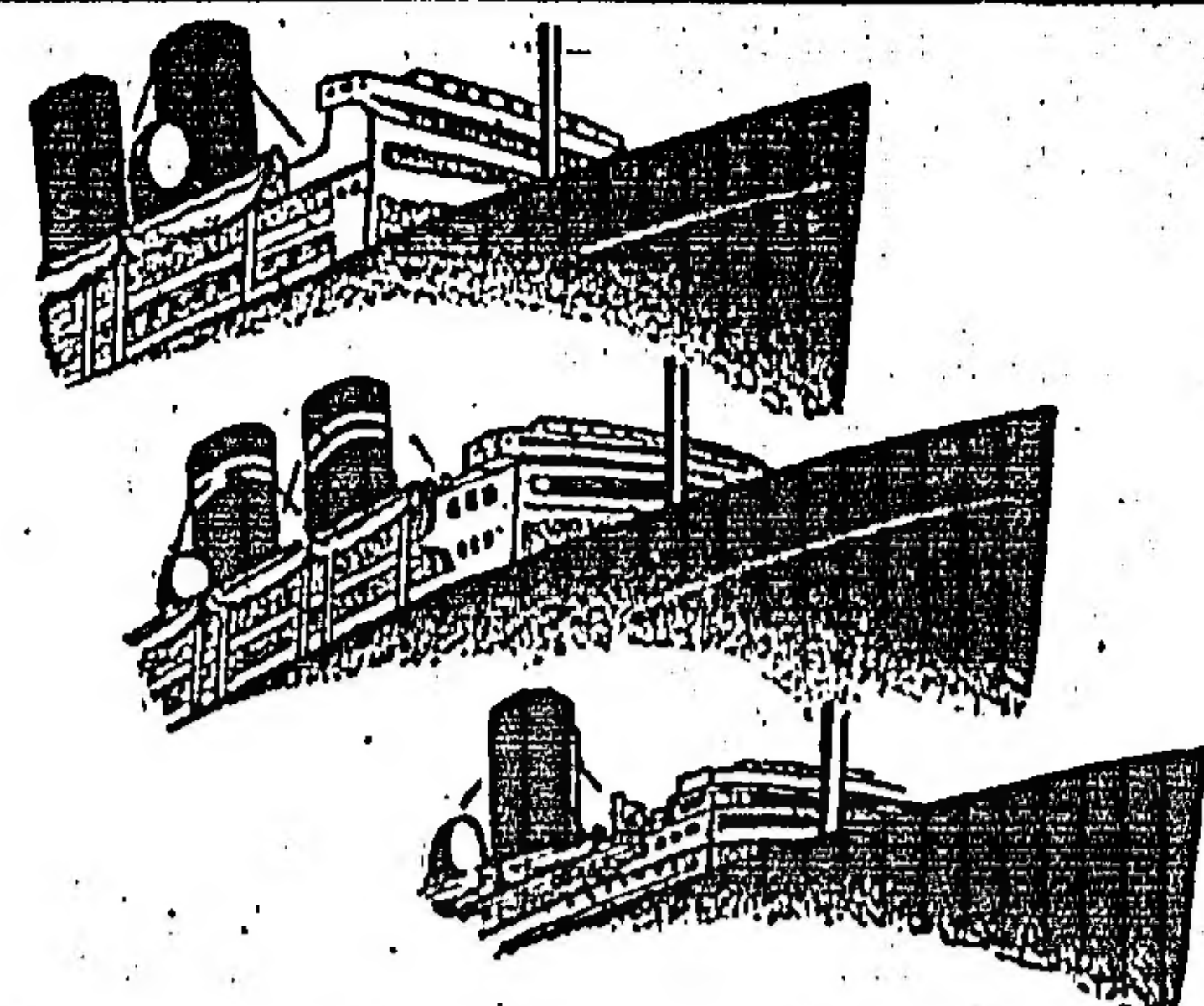
In centre is Dr. Heinrich Himmler, chief of the German secret police, as he made a friendly visit to Rome, recently, to return the visit of Senator Arturo Bocchini, right, chief of the Italian police. Left, German Ambassador Ulrich von Hassel.



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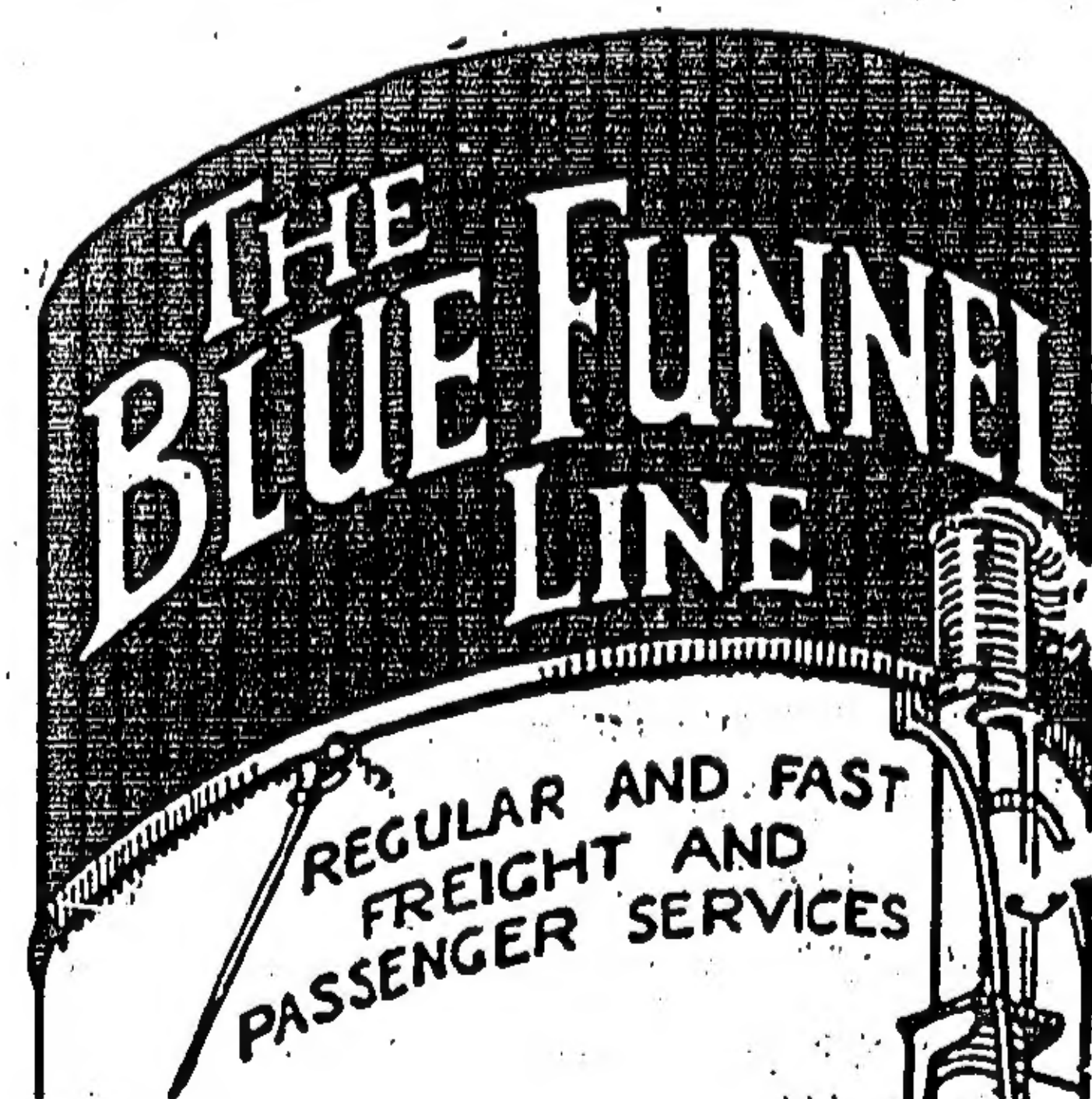
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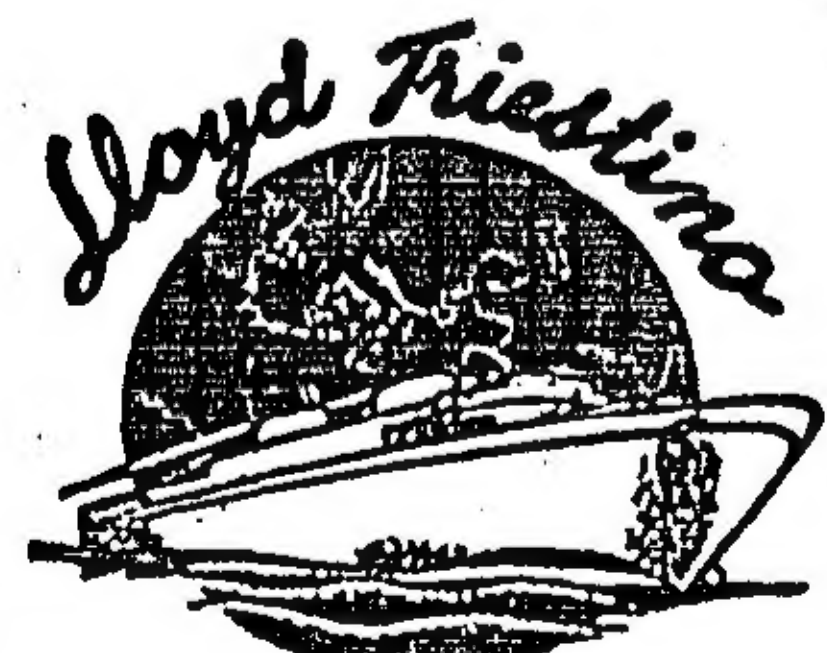
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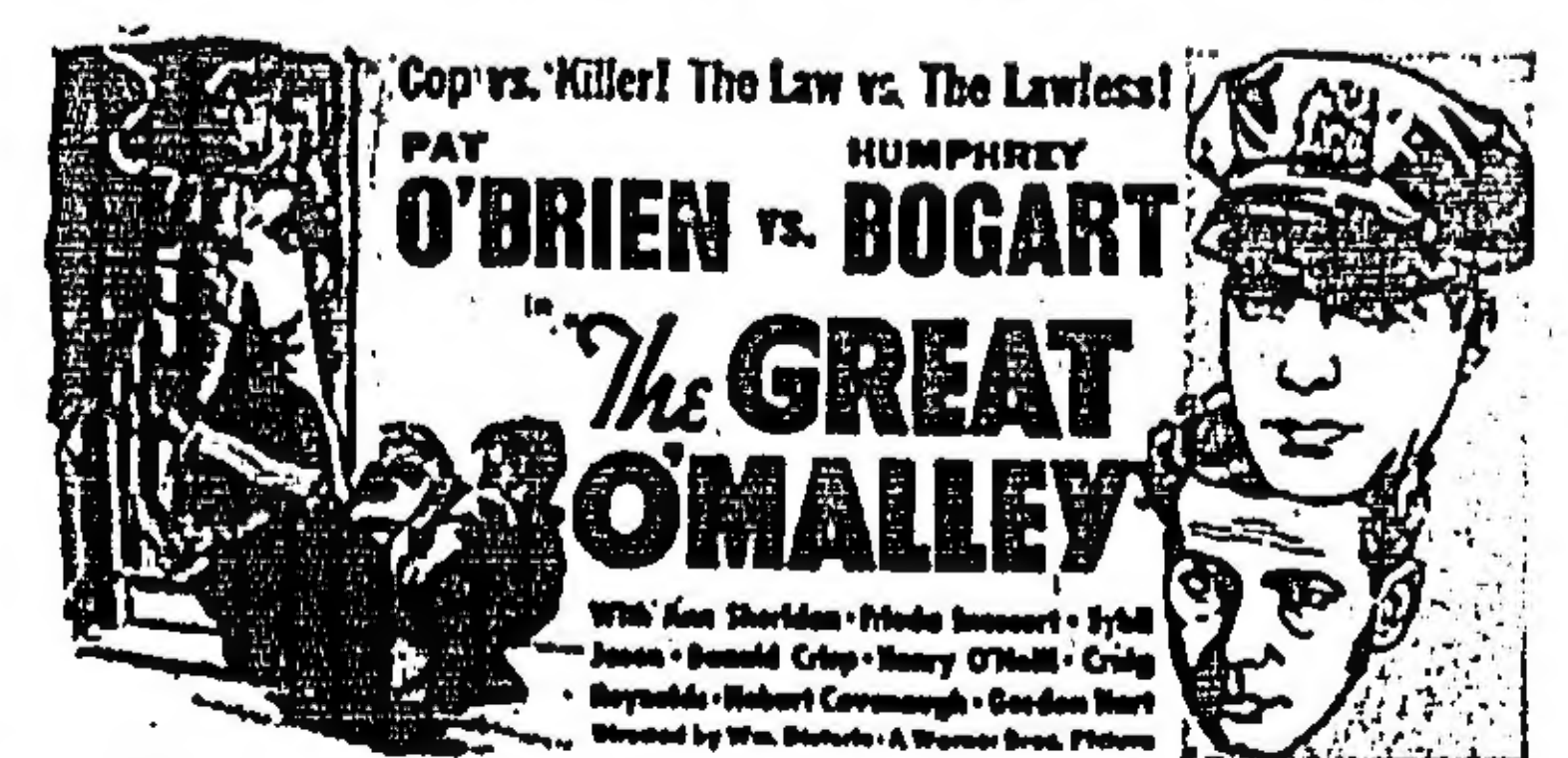
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London, Dec. 16. Referring to the Nanking incident in a speech delivered in London to-day, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, said they all deplored the fearful occurrences of last week-end when innocent neutrals were killed and wounded. "They were sent to their death, and it could only have been due to the ineptitude or indiscipline of the troops which fired on them," he said.

Referring to the Japanese apology, Mr. Duff-Cooper said that he thought Britain should accept a full apology and then hope that the necessary steps would indeed be taken to prevent a repetition of such a disaster, remembering that it was not the first disaster of this kind which had taken place since the hostilities began.

In times of war, fever possessed not only these engines in it, but witnesses to it. Therefore it was wise to be careful in such a time to say and do nothing which was likely to send up the temperature on either side.

After reference to the Italian withdrawal from the League, and the increased reliance placed on the British Empire, Mr. Duff-Cooper stated: "Any country which underestimates the strength of the British navy will be making a mistake which may prove fatal to its happiness. If there are any nations—and I do not say there are—which may seek to achieve their purpose by the use of force and the policy of war, those nations are watching our re-armament with fear and trepidation, because they know we are re-arming in the cause of peace."—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS

AIR RAID IN CANTON

Canton, Dec. 17. An air raid alarm has sounded here. The explosions of bombs and the crashing of anti-aircraft guns is distinctly audible, coming from the northern outskirts of the city.—*Reuter.*

DRAMATIC DRIVE BY RETREATING CHINESE

Hankow, Dec. 17. The three last Chinese divisions which defended Nanking have fought their way through 60 miles of Japanese-occupied territory to Kwangtung in Anhwei, where they have formed a junction with Chinese troops, according to information received at military headquarters.

In view of the Japanese occupation of Pukow which cut off their retreat northward, the Chinese troops, comprising the 58th Division, commanded by General Yu Chi-shih, the 87th Division commanded by General Wang Ching, and the 88th Division commanded by General Sun Yuan-ling, it is stated, decided to fight their way through to Kwangtung overland. Headed and flanked by tanks and armoured cars, the Chinese forces opened the south gate of Nanking and battled their way through the Japanese lines on the Nanking and Hangchow highway to Molingwang, and from thence to Kwangtung, suffering heavy casualties en route, but finally reaching their destination.

Meanwhile much anxiety is felt for the fate of the last batch of defenders which fought a rearguard action inside of Nanking until December 13 in order to cover the withdrawal of the main body of Chinese forces across the Yangtze.—*Reuter.*

ADMIRAL HASEGAWA EXPLAINS PANAY INCIDENT

Shanghai, Dec. 17. Explaining the Japanese aerial attacks and machine-gunning of the Panay and Standard Oil tankers, Admiral Hasegawa said the aviators saw many Chinese fleet from the Standard Oil boats and presumed that they were Chinese soldiers. Consequently they fired on them. Several Japanese soldiers near the pontoon were also injured. He said that the Panay observes possibly mistook the gunboat's lifeboats for Japanese boats. The Admiral said that the Japanese naval and army leaders had not reported firing on American ships until the higher Japanese authorities commenced an investigation on the request of American naval authorities, due to belief that they sank Chinese ships.—*United Press.*

MAKING WHITE MAN LOSE FACE

London, Dec. 17. The National Labour *Fortnightly News Letter*, referring to the Yangtze bombings says that the Japanese attacks on the British and American gunboats were designed to impress the Chinese "that Japan had defied the two most powerful nations in the world", while the Chinese will hear nothing about the apologies from Japan, and thereby the white man will lose "face" in the Orient.—*United Press.*

JAPANESE TRY TO PLACATE AMERICA

Not Revealing Name Of Officer To Be Disciplined

Pay Tribute To U.S. Navy

Tokyo, Dec. 17. Navy officials are persistent in their refusal to reveal the name of the person who is to be recalled to answer for the responsibility of the Yangtze incidents. At the present it is not known whether the person will return to participate in a thorough investigation of the affair, or whether he will be permanently transferred. The Japanese Foreign Office asserts that it is uninformed on the subject.

Meanwhile the Navy authorities, in a statement which many consider is an unprecedented effort to maintain good relations between Japan and the United States, have announced that a company of bluejackets is being sent to honour the spot where foreigners were killed in the "regrettable occurrence."

It is also announced that Japanese sailors are raising 5,000 yen among themselves to contribute to the United States Navy Fund, because "the sentiment dominating the Imperial Japanese Navy is that the sinking of a man-of-war, even though a mistake, is a matter greatly to be deplored. The authorities further express heartfelt appreciation of the American naval forces on the spot who maintained a calm attitude in face of the regrettable affair."

The statement adds: "It is the Navy's earnest hope that the unfortunate occurrence will prove, in the end, a step, though grievous as a step in itself, toward a rapprochement and still further understanding and mutual sympathy among the navies of United States and Japan."

The newspaper *Nichi Nichi* announced that it is contributing 1,000 yen to the fund for the Panay sufferers and their families.—*United Press.*

MITSUNAMI RECALLED

Shanghai, Dec. 16. Acting swiftly in accordance with the pledge to punish the officers responsible for the bombing and sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, the Japanese Navy has recalled Rear-Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, chief of the aerial operations, which adds that the officer will be relieved of his post.—*Reuter.*

REPLY MUST BE AWAITED

London, Dec. 16. The recalling of Vice-Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, and the official announcement that he is to be relieved of his post as Japanese naval commander on the Yangtze, is regarded in London as a hopeful sign in the right direction, says *Reuter's* diplomatic correspondent.

At the same time it is not possible to say how far this action will go towards meeting the British demands. The reply to the British Note as a whole must be awaited.—*Reuter.*

MONEY FOR PANAY

Tokyo, Dec. 17. A wave of spontaneous feeling in piling up contribution-money in aid of the victims of the Panay incident. It is sweeping the entire nation. Five students of the Enzoku high school, led by a teacher, visited the Admiralty and handed officials a sum of money contributed by all the students of the school in aid of the victims.

Miss Sadako Uyesugi, a representative of the Naval Women's Association, and Madame Satsuko Hayano, a representative of the Japan Women's Aeronautical Society also visited the Admiralty to hand to officials their contributions. The movement has also been taken up by boy students, who are making contributions.—*Reuter.*

EMPEROR WILL RECEIVE NOTE

Washington, Dec. 16. The Japanese Ambassador has assured President Roosevelt that his message will reach the Emperor of Japan, whom, it is indicated, the message would have reached irrespective of the President's request, because it was the practice to submit such foreign communications to the Emperor.—*United Press.*

NO COURTMARTIAL FOR ADMIRAL

Shanghai, Dec. 17. A Japanese spokesman stated officially that Admiral Teizo Mitsunami is not being court-martialed but is at present on his way to Japan. The final disposition of the case is not known, but it is likely he will be placed on the waiting list.—*United Press.*

INCIDENTS DEPLORED

Shanghai, Dec. 17. Admiral Hasegawa issued a communique this morning describing the Japanese victories as being designed to establish peace in the Orient. At the same time he deplored the attacks on the British and American vessels stating: "Unfortunately unhappy incidents occurred in recent days involving American and British warships and others. This I deplore from the bottom of my heart, and I am taking whatever steps are necessary, and will carry them out in sincerity and good faith."

Chancellor Defends New Loan

Belgium To Raise £5,000,000

London, Dec. 16. Questioned in the House of Commons regarding the forthcoming issue in London of a £5,000,000 four per cent. loan for Belgium, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said he did not think the time had come when foreign governments could be allowed to borrow freely in London.

Each proposal was considered on its merits and he was quite satisfied in this case that there was no objection, in the national interest, to giving consent to this loan. It did not involve the purchase of goods in Britain, but 20 per cent. of the proceeds might be used for Britain.—*Reuter's Special.*

PROBING TRAIN TRAGEDY

Expert Evidence Obtained

London, Dec. 16. At an inquiry in Edinburgh into the Castlety train disaster, Sir Nigel Gresley, chief engineer of the London and North Eastern Railway, said the carriages were made with heavy steel and solid teak end sections. It was not possible to make a carriage which would withstand the impact of a great engine rushing into it at 50 m.p.h. It must collapse at the end. In a train constructed in such a way there would be no injured. Everybody would be killed by impact. There was no telescoping in the true sense at the Castlety accident. It was a case of over-running rather than telescoping. Coach construction of the company's stock was not decided on through reasons of economy. Weight for weight the type of coach used was stronger structurally than steel.—*British Wireless.*

AMBASSADOR RECALLED

Rome, Dec. 17. The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Liu Wan-tao has left for China at the behest of the Chinese Government. It is understood his recall is for "informative purposes," and is without political significance.—*Reuter.*

FRANCE PLEASED WITH NOTE

Paris, Dec. 16. The tone of the British Note to Tokyo has pleased observers here who are glad to find it more energetic than they expected. It is felt the tone of the Note cannot fail to impress the Japanese that they should be careful not to try the British patience too far.—*Reuter.*

FLIGHT ENDS ABRUPTLY

Rome, Dec. 16. The Italian airman, Mario Stoppini, left Sardinia on a non-stop flight to Buenos Aires, this being the first of a series of flights. Signor Mussolini has ordered in view of the institution of an air service between Italy and Latin America.—*Reuter.*

BAD WEATHER STOPS FLIGHT

Marseilles, Dec. 16. Mario Stoppini, the Italian aviator, made a forced landing off the Algerian coast at 3.55 p.m. to-day owing to bad weather according to a wireless message from Casablanca.—*Reuter.*

ing whatever steps are necessary, and will carry them out in sincerity and good faith."

A Japanese naval spokesman reiterated the denial that Japanese forces and surface craft had machine-gunned and boarded the Panay after the boat had been bombed.

The spokesman said that the U.S.S. Oahu, H.M.S. Ladybird and various foreign merchant ships, mostly British, and two Japanese warships will arrive in Shanghai at 5 p.m. to-day. He said that the merchant ships included vessels which had been blocked up by the Chinese boom.

He explained that Vice-Admiral Mitsunami was going to Japan as soon as possible to wind up his personal affairs, but the spokesman had no information regarding disciplinary action being taken against the aviators who actually participated in the bombing of the Panay. He said that General Matsui denied ordering Colonel Hashimoto to fire on all vessels in the Yangtze.—*United Press.*

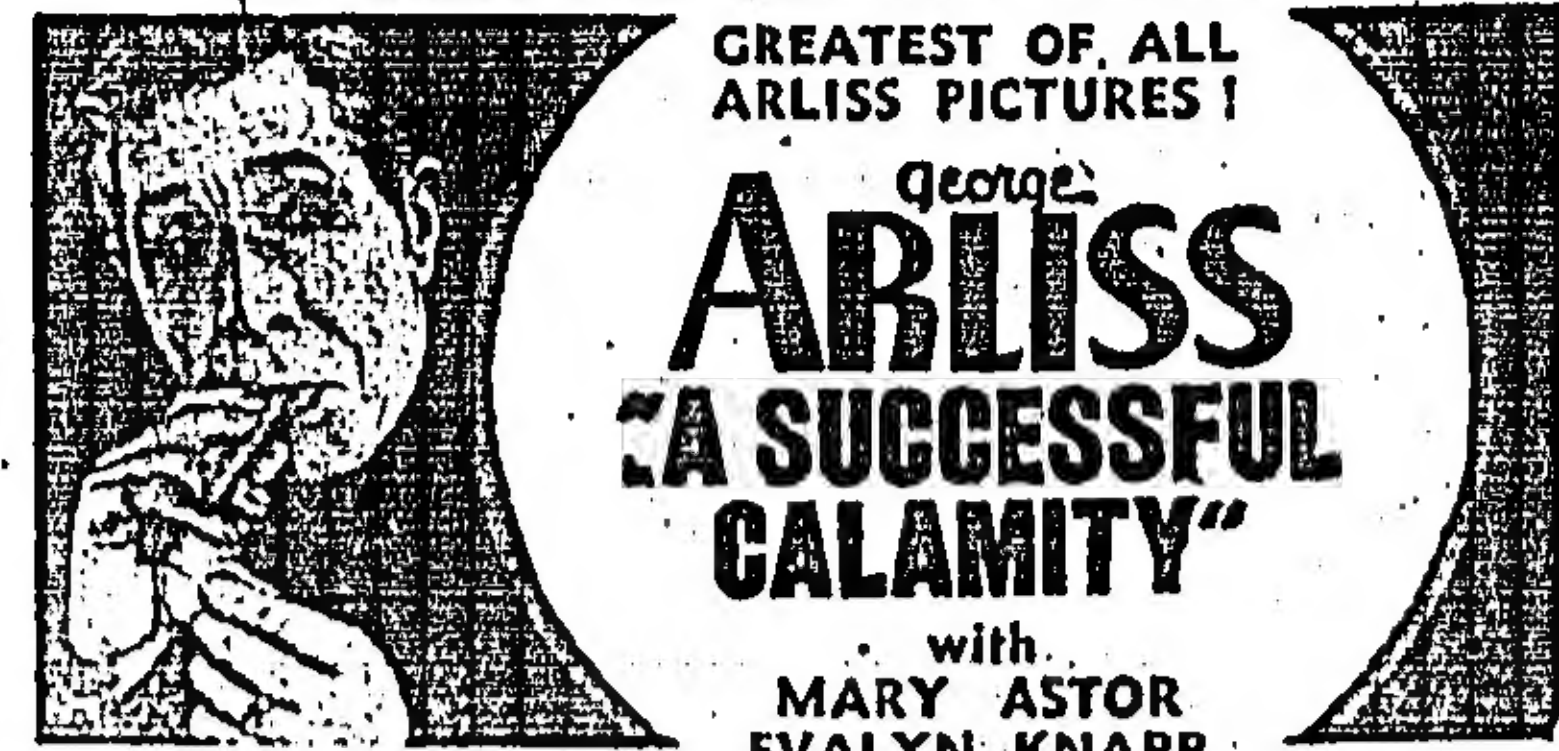
MACHINE-GUN ATTACKS ON PANAY DENIED

Shanghai, Dec. 17. The Japanese military and naval authorities emphatically deny as inconsistent with facts the reports that before the Panay sank she was machine-gunned by Japanese in two motor-boats. The survivors of the Panay report that the Japanese boarded the vessels shortly before she went down.

The Japanese maintain there were no Japanese naval or military craft near the Panay when she was bombed.—*Reuter.*

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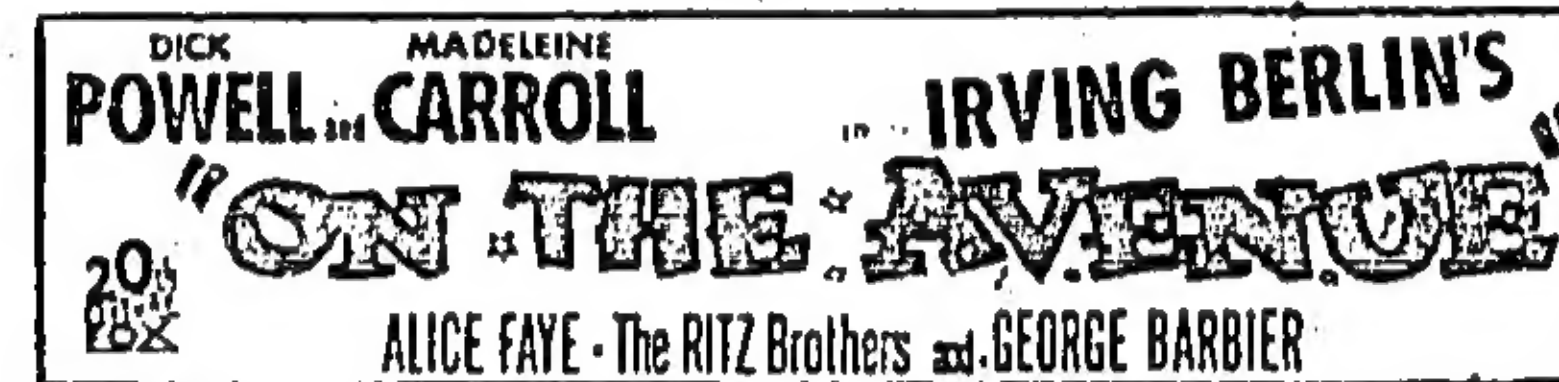
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RAJA ABDICATES IN FAVOUR OF HIS SON

The following communique was issued recently at New Delhi: "Owing to failing health and advancing years Lieutenant Raja Shrimant Sir Malojirao Venkatarao Raja Chhopande, alias Nannanab, Raja of Mudhol (Deccan States Agency) has expressed his desire to be relieved of the burdens of his office. "He has, therefore, with the approval of His Excellency the Crown representative been permitted to abdicate in favour of his only son and heir, Shrimant Bhikarajirao. His Majesty has approved of the retention by the ex-Raja of a salute of nine guns, as a personal distinction." The ex-Raja of Mudhol is 53 years old. He succeeded to the "gadi" in 1900 when he was a minor. He was

SEVERN RIVER MAY BE BRIDGED

London, Dec. 16. A deputation, representing 21 local authorities, has presented a petition to the Minister for Transport for the construction of a bridge across the River Severn.

The plan for the bridge submitted, contains 60 spans, with a 30 foot railway track and motor road, and two six-foot footpaths. The bridge would have a 120 foot clearance and its construction would save 52 miles on the circular route from Gardif to Bristol.—*Reuter.*

Invested with ruling powers in 1904. His only son and heir is 18 years old. Mudhol State has an area of 368 square miles, a population 62,860 and an annual revenue of about Rs. 3,80,000.